

Authentic Allies

Allies stand with the oppressed
A fierce calling for justice and
An ordered society, where
All become self-actualized
Level playing fields
Equal opportunities
Anti-racist thoughts
Decolonized & anti-oppressive practices
Guided by principles of social – justice, and
An obsessive vision of hope, where
All shall become the best that they can
No more lynching's in the dead-of night, or
Black citizens shot dead in broad-daylight, by
Those sworn to protect the law
Driven by the knowledge that all people
Are created equal before GOD!
Willing to pay with their lives, if need be,
To eliminate discrimination & racism
Of the valuable "others"
No more "starlight-tours" and
Killings of First Nations people
Celebrating the highways of spears!
"To the oppressed and to those who suffer with them,
And fight by their side." (Paulo Freire, 1999, P.3).
24/7, the struggle is personal and political
Many will see the ally as a traitor, or
A want to be, who's side are you on?
The authentic ally, knows only too well,
Who they are as a person on this green earth:
A lover of freedom, self-actualization, hope and
New possibilities, for a dying planet.
The battle for self-determination, self-government,
Equality of the races and sexes, liberty free of Tierney
Look around and allies will be found!
Allies do not look the other way
They are found willingly in the fray!
A thorn in the side of the oppressor.
Offended that citizens have been made homeless, and are
Dying on the installment plan, on your good-streets!
Walking-wounded of colonialism/capitalism
Self-medicating on opioids to dull "soul-wounds"
Yes, I am an authentic-ally, armed with a warrior's heart, and
Loaded poetry, ready to be read, at a moment's notice.
Hopefully causing a critical change of hearts!

