

# For Huey, Bobby, Eldridge

## *Free By Any Means Necessary*

The pen  
is a weapon;  
it can discharge  
volleys of  
meaning  
hurled toward  
the bull's eye  
of truth;

it can deafen  
the ear with  
the roar of  
a people's voice  
clamoring for  
justice.

It can kill  
lies emitted  
in ink from  
oppressor's presses  
making beasts  
of holy men  
justifying  
their slaughters

Black people  
righteous men,  
throw away  
those water pistols  
what we need  
are stoners to  
riddle America's  
bastions of  
bigotry

which have  
kept the black  
man back  
the poor people  
poor  
the dispossessed  
and isolated  
estranged from  
the mainstream  
of life.

The pen  
has always  
been a white  
weapon; it  
must be wrested  
from the oppressor's  
hands by  
black power.

It must blast  
forth the fire  
of black  
consciousness,  
creating new images  
of our people,  
by our people,  
for our people;

the black panthers  
are the holy men  
of our time;  
they are the  
last practitioners  
of the judeo-christian  
ethic - all others  
have turned their  
priesthoods into a mafia  
protecting, not man  
but status quo.

Free Huey  
Free American justice

Free Leroi  
Free creativity & art

Free Rap  
Free free speech

Free Bobby  
Free love, respect and power

Free Eldridge  
Free our souls on ice

Free black panthers,  
Free humanism  
Free black men  
Free goodness & honor  
Free Hue, now,  
and free us all.

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