

## **Black Body**

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### *Black Body*

*Inherently shadow*

*Unspeakable evil to all who cross your path*

### *Black Body*

*You silhouette of terror*

*Unnamed, you are all the same*

*All with a destructive agenda scribed in your heart*

### *Black Body*

*Superhuman in nature*

*You graffiti the sports world*

*You olympian*

*Ares returned to eye of his victims*

### *Black Body*

*Have you no shame in the space you fill*

*Rather dense urban gravel*

*Concrete prisons or one more coffin in the garden of dead*

### *Black Body*

*You are on the ground target practice for interned cops*

*Misunderstood in lecture halls when offended*

*You are charity case for the ignorant and guilty*

### *Black Body*

*You are father without one*

*Daughter with too much hips*

*Mother with too much pain*

*Family with too much space*

### *Black Body*

*You are victim and defendant all at once*

*You are desperate lungs on the concrete*

*Wedding vows never recited*

*Music Volume far too high*

*Arizona can unfinished*

### *Black Body*

*You were sold to the highest bidder as slave*

*You are sold to the highest bidder the same*

*You are inspiration for memorial t-shirts*

*Pathos for every hashtag*

### *Black Body*

*You are bring back our girls*

*The mission never achieved*

*You are a dreamer assassinated by any means*

*Thug life and ready to die all the same*

*Black Body*

*You are good kid, mad city  
The cool trying to escape the ghetto  
Only made it as far as 2014 Forest Hill Drive*

*Black Body*

*They've made no superhero of you  
Not one to stand in the pantheon  
You are Achilles' undying rage  
Apologetic for your very existence*

*Black Body*

*You have never been free to be you  
To be both black and body  
To be both colored and human  
Yet you've remained*

*Black Body*

*There are no graves to hold you  
Your tale too raw to capture in history's pages  
You are who they tried to make zombie  
You are who God proclaimed His*

*Black Body*

*Run as far as your spirit carries you*