

LeConte Dill 2020 ISSUE YEAR

Taniyah means Joyful, Beautiful, Messiah mean Anointed One

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They see young

They see Black

They see y'all driving

They may even see your college license plates

They see(m) to not care

They see you as runaways, their unit: the Fugitive Department

They see(m) to be skinfolk, but never kinfolk, Black but always Blue

They see themselves as upholding order

They see someone to stop

They see a tire to slash

They see a window to break

They see your confusion, they call it defiance

They see your mouth open for a scream, they call it a chant, I hope it's a prayer

They see a girl to tase, throw like a rag doll

They see(m) to never see a girl

They see a boy to tase, too

I pray his cornrows be a crown

They see this as order, ordinary

They see(m) depraved

They see me making this poem about them

when I wanted it to be

about you

Zoom Zombies

join meeting mute mic show video smile fluff hair adjust glasses nod head handclap emoji make eye contact avoid eye contact angle camera upwards crouch down unlook bra feed baby smile at baby smile at camera be present for everyone thumb up emoji unmute mic make comment mute mic hide camera breathe