

## Ryan Harvey

### "Black Bodies"

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There were Black bodies floating in the streets today  
The media was so surprised  
The national guard was off at war  
The city should have been evacuated days before  
What was left was the price to pay  
And the price to pay

Was the black bodies floating in the streets

There were hospitals filling to the brim today  
With the water and the desperate hands  
The propaganda spread so quick  
Claiming murders and rapes  
But it was bullsh\*t  
And the warming ocean swayed  
The ocean swayed  
And there were hospitals filling to the brim

There were Black bodies floating in the streets today  
And folks came rushing down  
With boats and vans like a stroke of luck  
But FEMA turned em back with folks still stuck  
And they we're up on their rooves for days  
And weeks grew from those days  
And there were Black bodies floating in the streets

There were people hanging their heads today  
Crying out of desperate rage  
Who can we blame for the flooded streets  
Why was the evacuation incomplete?  
So many things left to say  
There was so much left to say  
And there were people hanging their heads

There were black bodies floating in the streets today  
They said the city's gotten outta hand  
People taking water and clothes and shoes  
Some taking medicine and food  
Because relief was far away  
Because relief was kept away  
And there were black bodies floating in the streets

There was water rushing in through the cracks today  
Then the whole thing just came down  
Maybe cuz the calls were all ignored  
When people said that the levees should be re-  
enforced  
They said for now it'll be ok  
And back then it seemed ok  
But there was water rushing in through the cracks

There were black bodies floating in the streets today  
Canary's in the mine  
The politicians played politics  
Seems they forgot that a storm had hit  
They said the looters are getting away  
But some of em' didn't get away  
And there black bodies floating in the streets

There were thousands in the stadium seats today  
Waiting for a rescue crew  
Maybe cuz they didn't think the levee'd bust  
Maybe cuz the temperature's going up  
But they didn't get away  
Or they couldn't get away  
And there were thousands in the stadium seats

There were black bodies floating in the streets today  
Is it a sign of things to come?  
Maybe cuz they thought the city's be prepared  
Maybe cuz we've done something to the air  
The water rose and the walls gave way  
The walls gave way  
And there were black bodies floating in the st

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