

Heron Gil

"The Revolution Will Not Be Televised"

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The Revolution Will Not Be Televised -- Gil Scott Heron
(1975)

You will not be able to stay home brother

you will not be able to plug in, turn on and drop out

you will not be able to lose yourself on skag and skip

skip out for beer during commercials

Because the revolution will not be televised

The revolution will not be televised

the revolution will not be brought to you by xerox

in 4 parts without commercial interruption

The revolution will not show you pictures of Nixon

blowing a bugle and leading a charge by John

Mitchell, General Abrams and Spiro Agnew to eat

hog moss confiscated from a Harlem sanctuary

The revolution will not be televised

The revolution will not be brought to you by the

Schaefer Award Theatre and will not star Natalie

Wood and Steve McQueen or Bullwinkle and Julia

The revolution will not give your mouth sex appeal

The revolution will not get rid of the nubs

The revolution will not make you look five pounds

thinner because The revolution will not be televised
brother

There will be no pictures of you and Willie Mays

pushing that cart down the block on the

dead run

or trying to slide that color television into a stolen

ambulance

NBC will not be able to predict the winner at 8:32

or the count from 29 districts

The revolution will not be televised

There will be no pictures of pigs shooting down

brothers in the instant replay

There will be no pictures of young being

run out of Harlem a rail with a brand new process

There will be no slow motion or still life of Roy

Wilkins strolling through Watts in a red, black and

green liberation jumpsuit that he had been saving

for just the right occasion

Green Acres, The Beverly Hillbillies and Hooterville

Junction will no longer be so damned relevant and

women will not care if Dick finally gets down with

Jane on Search for Tomorrow because black people

will be in the street looking for a brighter day

The revolution will not be televised

there will be no highlights on the eleven o'clock

news and no pictures of hairy armed women

liberationists and Jackie Onassis blowing her nose

The theme song will not be written by Jim Webb,

Francis Scott Key nor sung by Glen Campbell, Tom

Jones, Johnny Cash, Engelbert Humperdinck of The

Rare Earth

The revolution will not be televised

The revolution will not be right back after a message

about a white tornado, white lightning, or white people

You will not have to worry about a germ in your

bedroom, the tiger in your tank, or the giant in you

toilet bowl

The revolution will not go better with Coke

The revolution will not fight germs that can cause

bad breath

The revolution WILL put you in the driver's

seat

The revolution will not be televised, will no be televised

will not be televised

The revolution will be no re-run brothers

The revolution will be live--

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