

Change is made in the Present

Freedom is not Yesterday
For Yesterday is gone
The injustices of the past
Cannot be undone

Slavery and Genocide
Cruelty and shame
Are a stain on our Nation
What good does it to blame
Yesterday
The Heraldry of a few
seems so far away
Confessions of some
But still so much decay

Freedom is not tomorrow
Because tomorrow will NEVER be here
When we experience Tomorrow
It is today – that is clear

How do we know it is the Present
It is in the Present that we can see
Even without a history book
How people are treated
Because of the way they look
Or where they are from
Or what they believe
It makes us feel sad
and even queasy
But it's not enough to feel uneasy

We must not stay silent
Let's speak up and act Today
Dr. King said it best
We cannot delay
Whatever affects one directly
Affects us all circumspactly

