

# Ayesha Says - Intro

## Lupe Fiasco

Hijabs, hoodies, afros, locks  
Teddy bear, liquor bottle shrines, rocks  
Tanks, prayer rugs, church pews, Mexican corn stands  
Blood, sweat, and tears, police batons  
Gas masks and bullets create graffiti on corners  
Murals that salute freedom or death for liberty  
Be it Englewood or Egypt, Bedstuy or Baghdad  
Syria or Liberia, the west bank or the west side of Chicago  
Where food and liquor stores still occupy the block  
While police and community watchmen justify why they shot  
Emmit Till and Malice Green, Rekia Boyd and Trayvon Martin  
Better not wear that hoodie while shopping for a carton  
Or whatever they sellin' in your food desert  
Cause your soul is dessert and will be dissected and consumed  
On the Fox evening news while we sing the blues  
The New Jim Crow caged bird sings  
Cause he's tired of occupying his misery and of our marching  
He wanna fly to a higher consciousness  
But his school on academic probation  
They gave him medicine, diagnosed him with a felony and mental retardation  
So he refuses to cease the firin', nobody's hirin'  
In Illinois, 67 is the new age when you retirin'  
Class lines have blurred, those who used to have, have not  
Pensions bein' snatched  
Those who never have keep their hands stretched  
Social services being cut  
Sterilization clinics giving out pills to numb the womb  
Young girls referring to their vaginas as tombs  
Thinkin' protests are temporary and trendy  
Well rock a t-shirt and carry a poster  
And two weeks later it's back to normal  
But they say times are changin'  
The revolution is becoming second nature, causes are combining  
People carrying torches, hope burning from their hands  
Attaching explosive devices 'cause they keep stealing their lands  
In the name of freedom  
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