

CITIZEN

Lyrics and spoken word by Jeffrey Baykal-Rollins

SPEAKER:

The body
a watery
politic.

We're knowing that we're flowing and we're going and we're
coming again.

Like rivers this body for generations we are
finding our way.

All share in all in this citizen body
beauty in magnitude and virtue have taught her
we thirst for justice just as we trust and must all
share in all this want of pure
water.

CHOIR:

Citizen
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Citizen

CHILD:

All in all
All share in all

CHOIR:

Citizen

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All share in all

CHILD:

The care of the body for the sake of the soul

CHOIR:

Citizen

CHOIR and CHILD:

All in all

All share in all

SPEAKER

All of this longing
for a state of
belonging
and all eyes are open
for all that's been broken
and all that is truthful
and all that is crucial
and all we observe
and deserve
we preserve
and conserve
we reserve for
all this acuity
and for
all this opportunity.

And all we respect
and expect from
all we elect
and all the democracies
and all the bureaucracies
and all of the watchfulness
over all of the populace
from this bottomless
sea so we see that
all that is good is brought into light
and all as it should be out in plain sight

and all of this pivotal
to all that is integral
and all that is possible
and for all
we're responsible.

And all we've evolved with
tried to solve with
all
we're involved with
and all in perspective
and for all we're protective
and in all our common objective
a community of equals;
a collective
in respect of the directive
that when all voices are heard
and all choices conferred
on all different sides
all
hope
still
abides. (6:38)

And all news from all sources
and all parties of course must
join forces against all this upheaval
at the expense of the people
and all care for the sake of the soul
and all parts of the body to make it all whole
and for all mothers, all fathers, all sons, and all daughters
all justice rolls down on all of us like waters
and all that is free, and righteous, and true
is all for the Many
and not just the Few.

CHOIR

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All of this longing of the people

CHILD

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SPEAKER:

There may be might where there is no right, and despite
this
the State of the Few polarizes
it disenfranchises
with its lies it advertises

hypnotizes
paralyzes and
terrorizes
until the Body of the Many's demise is
just one more of the Few's many enterprises.

But as democracy
capsizes
the body
arises
it organizes
for those who in virtue excel
have the best right of all to rebel, and exercise this
gift of speech to reach and vocalize this
body comes together it crystalizes,
and recognizes, it utilizes
argument by appeal to the facts, and synchronizes,
while fountains of revolution as a solution it galvanizes.

For when history gets slippery it
surprises

and revises

and compromises, the State of the Few and their many
disguises

it stabilizes

and maximizes

it humanizes, the Body of the Many and of whom it
comprises.

CHOIR

*All, all that is good and is true
All Justice rolls down on the many, all people
And not just the few*

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CHOIR

Democracy arises out of the notion
that all people are equally free.

One citizen differs from another
but the salvation of the community
is the common business of all.

Generations of citizens, like water,
flowing away and coming again,
the way rivers and fountains change their state
but always remain the same.

The body of citizens
through love will be
like water.

SPEAKER

A rising tide lifts all boats
and like the saying denotes
in time and tide everybody floats
upon
history's repetition as the body votes
upon
the vital recognition of our chronic condition:
we swim in opposition as a part of our mission
against a current no less hopeless, it would seem

but while one tide is falling
another is rising
and history
changes course
in mid-stream.

What we mean
is
time and time again
it's only a question of when
history repeats itself
and then
the body in truth reseats itself
again
and the Few cannot defeat us
as history repeats to complete us
to meet us
just as we must turn with it
show concern for it
discern with it, return with it and
learn from it.

CHOIR:

All of this longing of the people, people

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Citizen

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All we preserve

For our sons and daughters

For our sons and daughters

All we deserve

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CHILD

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*All, of us awoken
All, of us outspoken*

*All that is good is brought into light
And all as it should be out in plain sight.
All care for the body for the sake of the soul*

All share in all to make it all whole.

SPEAKER

And when liberty's on the periphery history reprises
and the citizen body realizes
and emphasizes, all that liberty
symbolizes.

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SPEAKER

The body
a watery
politic.
An ocean of devotion moving forward in slow
motion
that's spoken to the notion of
a fluid stream of social consciousness a bottomless
sea of decree an opportunity for the vast majority
a guarantee to set free the rest of the oppressed on their quest to be
virtuously a great reservoir for democracy that's demonstrably
a community worth livin' in, a society without this anxiety we're all in,
and a sea for each citizen
a watery body that's entirely worth
swimming in.

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