



Scenes from the MLK Banquet



Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Grand Marshals Dr. Andre Denson, assistant principal of Cimarron-Memorial High School at left, and Beverly Mathis, principal of Kermit Booker Elementary, sandwich Martin Luther King Jr. Committee President Lawrence Weekly during the committee's Jan. 10 banquet at Caesar's Palace Hotel. The Second Baptist Church Boy Scouts made the presentation of colors, adjacent left. Immediately above Angel Washington addresses the 500 guests at the banquet, themed "Living the Dream by Restoring the Family Nucleus. Sen. Joe Neal, D-North Las Vegas, discusses his recent announced bid for the state's gubernatorial post with former Community College of Southern Nevada president, Paul Meacham, who was among many dignitaries who attended the banquet. Color Coded Brown provided soulful jazz sounds as part of the evening's entertainment.

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...Future

*By Angel Washington
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Do we as a people have a future?
 No one seems to have an answer...
 Yes, no, well... maybe so, hell... I don't know
 Can we, will we, ooh just maybe
 Our minds will break free
 From the bigotry
 And bondage
 That we've been held hostage?
 We shall no longer tolerate
 This society of hate
 In which we live.
 Why must we discriminate, humiliate, intimidate,
 aggravate, and infuriate one another?
 Why can't we restore our love to your right, hold on tight
 Love and hold the child to your left
 For society owes a large debt
 To our children.
 There is a struggle going on
 And we must keep on keeping on
 Our youth can be saved
 Who said that it was too late
 To create
 A world of peace?
 Take a child under your wing
 Give him the things
 that he's only dreamed... of
 Give him the hope to cope with the dope forced upon him
 Tell him that it is okay to say no.
 Tell the female child that she
 Can be without he
 Just believe in Thee
 And through His grace
 She will succeed indeed.
 Teach that with protection, there'll be no conception
 Because no one is the exception
 When they choose this road of travel...
 'Cause a lesson taught is a lesson learned.
 Our children must understand
 That mistakes are made by all man
 And that they must take a stand
 And demand
 The helping hand
 Of a caring woman or man.
 Now grab your tissue
 There is another issue
 That we as a people must pursue...
 Ignorance... and it's world wide
 Which is why
 Our youth must rely... on us
 To point out what's right and what's wrong
 Long live the strong
 The Grace of God
 Will enable us to catch on
 Because with Thee is where we belong.
 Don't get me wrong...
 I'm here to speak
 Not to preach
 Hell, I still eat and drink
 At my mama and daddy's house.
 Are you listening
 Because I don't want you missing
 My point.
 It's staring you directly in the face
 Just leave a trail or trace
 Of the good
 Not the hate
 It leaves a bad taste
 In my mouth.
 Our children are the future
 Evil is the intruder
 Peace and promise
 We owe our young
 And we as a people must overcome
 So if ever asked...
 Do we as a people have a future?
 Answer yes...
 Because you're part of the solution.
 Peace