

## CAN I GET AN AMEN

The siren's shrill shriek  
Signaled  
Another night  
Of sorrow.

Another child fatherless  
Another mother murdered  
Another neighbor  
Stranger  
Friend  
Dead  
Or raped,  
Beaten or robbed  
Violated  
Never to find  
Peace of mind  
Again.

Night after night  
Generations  
Of seeds sown  
Dysfunction grown  
Into oh so many stalks  
Cut down  
Long before their time.

Can I get an Amen!