

They shootin! Or I ain't never scared

I'm at a high school somewhere in rural Iowa

Doing my spoken word thing

After my performance a young high schooler asks me:

Does it always have to be about race?

I'd love to say "absolutely not"

That I ignore the fact

that the middle aged lady in Kentucky who said colored people

mistook me for the other black

guy in the room

I wanna be eternally hopeful

the young high school student just asked me if it had to be about race and I really wanna say

"From hence forth I will stop cataloging the crimes of white people

stop writing about the dead and martyred for the sake of the children

and for their future"

But that's not what I'm going to say

I will say

"Yes.

None of this is theoretical

the skin is real

the skin is a passport

it can be revoked

stamped

expire