Authentic Allies

Allies stand with the oppressed

A fierce calling for justice and

An ordered society, where

All become self-actualized

Level playing fields

Equal opportunities

Anti-racist thoughts

Decolonized & anti-oppressive practices

Guided by principles of social – justice, and

An obsessive vision of hope, where

All shall become the best that they can

No more lynching’s in the dead-of night, or

Black citizens shot dead in broad-daylight, by

Those sworn to protect the law

Driven by the knowledge that all people

Are created equal before GOD!

Willing to pay with their lives, if need be,

To eliminate discrimination & racism

Of the valuable “others”

No more “starlight-tours” and

Killings of First Nations people

Celebrating the highways of spears!

“To the oppressed and to those who suffer with them,

And fight by their side.” (Paulo Freire, 1999, P.3).

24/7, the struggle is personal and political

Many will see the ally as a traitor, or

A want to be, who’s side are you on?

The authentic ally, knows only too well,

Who they are as a person on this green earth:

A lover of freedom, self-actualization, hope and

New possibilities, for a dying planet.

The battle for self-determination, self-government,

Equality of the races and sexes, liberty free of Tierney

Look around and allies will be found!

Allies do not look the other way

They are found willingly in the fray!

A thorn in the side of the oppressor.

Offended that citizens have been made homeless, and are

Dying on the installment plan, on your good-streets!

Walking-wounded of colonialism/capitalism

Self-medicating on opioids to dull “soul-wounds”

Yes, I am an authentic-ally, armed with a warrior’s heart, and

Loaded poetry, ready to be read, at a moment’s notice.

Hopefully causing a critical change of hearts!

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