

# A song by Tracy Chapman

1. Drag the words into the correct gaps.

<p>angry</p> <p>black</p> <p>blacks</p> <p>bridge</p> <p>go</p> <p>guns</p> <p>kill</p> <p>lines</p> <p>name</p> <p>sides</p> <p>story</p> <p>tonight</p> <p>tracks</p> <p>white</p> <p>why</p>	<p>Chorus:</p> <p>Across the _____</p> <p>Who would dare to _____</p> <p>Under the _____</p> <p>Over the _____</p> <p>That separate whites from _____</p> <p>Choose _____</p> <p>Or run for your lives</p> <p>_____ the riots begin</p> <p>In back streets of America</p> <p>They _____ the dream of America</p> <p>Little black girl gets assaulted</p> <p>Ain't no reason _____</p> <p>Newspaper prints the _____</p> <p>And racist tempers fly</p> <p>Next day it starts a riot</p> <p>Knives and _____ are drawn</p> <p>Two _____ boys get killed</p> <p>One _____ boy goes blind</p> <p>Chorus</p> <p>Little black girl gets assaulted</p> <p>Don't no one know her _____</p> <p>Lots of people hurt and _____</p> <p>She's the one to blame.</p> <p>Chorus</p>
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2. Listen to the song and read the lyrics to check your answer.

3. This sentence shows a typically low-class American English accent:

"Don't no one know her name".

What would be the correct form?

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4. Study these sentences from this and other songs, then make a list of all the possible meanings of "ain't" by writing the equivalent word or phrase on the each gap (use correct grammar!):

Ain't no reason why.	_____ no reason...
That ain't necessary.	That _____ necessary
I ain't changing my mind.	I _____ changing...
There ain't no time to waste.	_____ no time...
Ain't cha got no rhymes for me?	_____ you got no...?
But lately there ain't been much work on account of the economy.	there _____ been...
Wednesday, Thursday, ain't no sign.	..., _____ no sign.
Ain't it time we said goodbye?	_____ it time...?

5. There are two verbs in the song which are used as auxiliaries for passive sentences. Copy the three passive sentences in the song.

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**NOTE:** to draw a weapon does not mean to make a drawing of it, it means to take it out to threaten or attack someone with it.