

A song by Tracy Chapman

1. Drag the words into the correct gaps.

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

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?

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.

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.