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Maybe it means too much to me  
What happened to Trayvon  
Because of what happened to me

I cannot read enough  
News stories cannot  
Learn enough facts

About this black boy  
(Because in the final analysis that is ALL  
He was allowed to be)  
About the murdering watchman  
(Who and what was he watching for exactly?)

Maybe it means too much to me  
Because of Oscar Grant  
Because of Emmett Till  
Because of Rodney King

Because of what happened to me  
Which wasn't in comparison  
So bad really  
I recovered (kind of)/I'm not dead  
My family doesn't have to grieve

But I can't stop thinking of him  
This innocent man-child  
Looking "suspicious"  
Hoodied tall and lanky  
With such big big eyes

Carrying candy  
In the rain