The Souls of Black Folk

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where was condoleezza when the levees broke? at ferragamo’s buying leather shoes while water christened the souls of black folk

forced to wear the reaper’s gruesome cloak brothers and sisters of different hues where was condoleezza when the levees broke?

our people’s cries didn’t matter as she spoke defending bush on the sunday evening news while souls submerged in water were those of black folk

birmingham sistah was all but a joke turned a deaf ear to our blackest blues where was condoleezza when the levees broke?

so many of her promises went up in smoke waiting for a president’s belated cues while smothered beneath water lay souls of black folk

day after day in fear they awoke praying on rooftops as if they were pews where was condoleezza when the levees broke? while water crushed the souls of black folk