

# Brian Webb, Affirmative Compassion

We walk across a broken line to find  
A broken life, maybe a broken heart  
A broken soul where nothing is the rest  
But I think this is where we usually talk best

Here is a struggle for a black man  
The painful scar of an oppressed past  
But here is a struggle for this white man  
To endure his natural backlash

Well it ain't a sin not to understand  
Its only a sin if I don't try  
But then I go and darken the face of a racist  
So I can scream, "man it ain't just my side"  
you must be sick of it and tired of it  
Try to love me in spite of it  
Oh Lord could it be  
That there is so much more to setting free  
Oh Lord I've got love in me  
But there is much, much more to setting free

Here is a rich white man who can't see his greed  
Screaming, "I hire who I... Well please, not me  
No I am far from racist it just happens  
all of my clients seem trust white faces

But I can't respect a brother, or any other  
who claims himself martyred  
Looking at me like owe something to you  
Ok, I do

But you know I got more love and more hope  
Its just frustrating brother  
If you're getting a job just because you're black  
We're not getting passed your color  
You must be sick of it, and tired of it  
But try to love me in spit of it

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Now I am not a rich white man  
and maybe I am blessed for that  
But I am not a black man  
and I have never been oppressed like that  
So I can sit here and let my thoughts unfurl  
Nice and freely in my poor white world  
Freely praying for compassion  
while 10 million white women thank affirmative action

So throw your hands up, and people stand up  
Go on and love me, and don't let up  
Throw your hands up, and people stand up  
Go on love me and don't you let up

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