

Deep East Oakland

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the neighborhood known for death
I try to sleep through flashbacks
15 year old girl shot and killed in a shooting on 83rd & Ast.
thas just a couple houses down
from me

where was I when they sent bullets
flying inside your head?
when they took you away from from yo familia?
padre mio, help me
how do I keep these bullets away from our children?

ya don't understand
the day they sent that bullet through Samantha's head
they sent it right through her mother's heart, too

how do you tell a woman whose
daughter was on honor roll and
just won an art contest that her daughter
has been murdered for an unknown reason?

if the city council
keeps reminding us
crime rate is going down
then remind me why I'm losing 3-6 friends a year?
tell me why our 10 year olds who are
walking home from school are being
kidnapped?
forced away from their innocence, their virginities,
to satisfy disgusting men
& dropped of 30 blocks away from her home
with no one to call

what do you tell that little girl
waking up to her own yells
in the middle of the night
haunted by flashbacks of men

penetrating her little body?

help me find different answers
in the deep