

## RACISM DIES WITH CAPITALISM (2024)

By Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

race is an invention  
a social prison  
of artificial division  
the oppressed separated  
into ranks that race  
for first place  
in a caste system  
based  
on the color of one's face  
created  
by those in power under  
capitalism  
so that our  
focus might be diverted  
from them to us  
when they are the common foe  
but we don't know  
because through their systems of control  
and influence  
they show  
an inverted reality  
a confluence of images  
that portray them as heroes  
of elevated validity  
but the workers and poor  
as mats on the floor  
to be trampled across the globe  
sapped of our roles  
as the producers of all  
that make societies flow  
so where do we go  
what must we do  
to take control  
we must unite as a whole  
to overthrow  
capitalism  
the source of division  
and polarization  
upon all bases  
such as nation  
and racism  
gender and  
sexual orientation  
whatever serves to divide  
workers and those who must ride  
allied  
on the basis of class oppression  
on the worker's side  
a divide  
often difficult to grasp

by the victims  
of this system  
so the struggle  
must be led  
with precision  
by a party of comrades  
united and driven  
by a working class vision  
of liberation  
to dismantle  
all divisions  
then we can all  
enjoy the highest quality of living