

**CATCHING UP - (The FENCE, The ARTIST & ensemble)**

FENCE:

**WE NEED TO HAVE A SCENE  
WITH THE COPS HOT ON HER TAIL  
BUT THEY CANNOT CATCH MY QUEEN  
AT ANY COST SHE AVOIDS JAIL  
ARE YOU GETTING THIS DOWN  
ARE YOU CATCHING UP**

ARTIST:

**CAN I PAINT A HISTORY  
THAT REVEALS THE TRUTH OF WHO WE ARE  
OR WILL IT STAY A MYSTERY  
THAT EVEN WITH OUR CIVIL RIGHTS WE HAVEN'T TRAVELLED FAR  
NOT FAR ENOUGH  
NEVER CATCHING UP**

**THEY DEEM "CLASSIC" IBSEN AND MOLIÈRE, SAMUEL BECKETT TOO  
AND NEVER STOP TO THINK THEY SCREAM "CLASSIC AIN'T MADE FOR YOU"  
CAN I CREATE A CLASSIC THAT CARES HOW OUR DOLLAR SPENDS  
CAN I SUPPLY NEW MEANS WITHOUT CREATING TRAGIC ENDS?**

**THIS TRAIN IS MOVING FAST  
KEEP MY EYE ON THE OBJECTIVE  
OR DOOM TO REPEAT THE PAST  
PUT IT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE  
TRY YOUR BEST AT CATCHING UP  
ALWAYS TRYING CATCHING UP**

BRIDGE:

**TO THE 400 YEAR HEAD START  
PICKING UP BY ILL FIT BOOTSTRAPS  
IF I WRITE THIS FROM THE HEART  
WILL I SEND US INTO RELAPSE  
BY ATTEMPTING CATCHING UP  
MY PROWESS MATCHING UP  
OUR CULTURES PATCHING UP  
OR WILL THEY JUST START SNATCHING UP  
ALL THAT WE'VE DONE  
THE WARS WE'VE WON  
HAVE WE GONE AS FAR AS WE CAN GO OR ONLY JUST BEGUN**

**IS THERE A DOWN TO CATCHING UP (REPEAT)  
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