Across The Lines
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   Across the lines,  who would dare to go ?
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   Under the bridge, over the tracks,
                    C
   that separates whites from blacks.
Em                       D            G
   Choose the sides, or run for your life,
Am              C       D
   tonight the riots begin.
Em                       D
   On back streets of America,
Am                           C      G
   they kill the dream of America.


         Em                         D
 Little black girl gets assaulted, ain t no reason why,
     Am                                                C
 newspaper prints the story, and racist tempers fly.
       Em                     D
 Next day it starts a riot, knives and guns are drawn,
   Am                              C
 two black boys get killed, one white boy goes blind.


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 Little black girl gets assaulted, no one know her name,
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lots of people hurt and angry, she s the one to blame.

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