

Ode to RBG

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oh yea oh yea oh yea

listen up people

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

is in the court

it's time to listen

it's time to see

it's time to feel

it's time to respect

it's time to be quiet

in her presence

her wise gender-sensitive words

ring out reach out

to comfort

to empower

to lift up

RBG speaks softly slowly powerfully

to all women and men

who suffer in crisis

who struggle alone

she speaks to all feminists

she speaks to all fighters

for truth

for equality

for freedom

for human rights

for justice

reborn like the phoenix

rising and rising

out of the ashes of

sexism

antisemitism

racism

fascism

where truth

where justice

where dissent

struggle to be heard

in schools

in colleges

in universities

in law firms

in courtrooms

in churches

in mosques

in synagogues

in the street

all over this troubled
racist pandemic land
while millions weep
saying kaddish (1)
thinking tikkun olam (2)
standing guard
over this beautiful
this gentle warrior
this righteous soul
the world has lost

oh yea oh yea oh yea
RBG is in the court
where you shall be heard

Notes

1. The Jewish prayer for the dead
2. Hebrew term for mending the world

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