

The South's Gonna Rise Again! Ron Greene

Some folks say "The South's gonna rise again!"
I wonder what South they want to restore?

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Is it the Antebellum South?
Where millions slaved for a white elite,
Where many were chained and beaten and raped,
Where the auction block severed families,
And Baptist preachers justified it all.

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Or the Postbellum South?
That birthed and nurtured the Ku Klux Klan,
That terrorized Blacks and Catholics and Jews,
That passed and enforced the Jim Crow laws,
And lynched black men to protect white women.

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Perhaps the 50s South?
That imposed poll taxes and voter tests,
That terrorized blacks to maintain control,
That spoke the "separate, but equal" lie
And denied decent schools to young Black kids.

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And to those who think that's all in the past,
Consider the Present South
Where "heritage" trumps humanity,
That denies basic rights to "different" folks,
Where many Christians ignore their Christ,
And demand foreign children stay in Hell.

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Some folks say "The South's gonna rise again!"
I just hope that the South will rise.

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