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“Just Enough”

A Poem by Steve Hamilton

How much love does it take
To forgive someone’s mistake?
If there was a sign from above
It would say, “Just Enough.”

Why must a child go to sleep
Crying out for food to eat?
Deprivation; the education he thinks of,
When all he needs is just enough.

How much love, would you say,
Could have saved the life of Freddie Gray?
He didn’t have to die riding rough
If there had been just enough.

Unarmed black men gunned down in the street.
Process due denied, blatantly.
Ask yourself, “If it’s not just enough for me,
Is it justice that I see?”
How could it be?

Love’s a pure and simple gift, an action, word, a thought,
To help another’s life along the way.
Love is free to everyone, it never could be bought.
We get it back when we give it away.

How much love does it take
Before we can conquer fear and hate?
If there was a sign from above
It would say, “Just Enough.”

So, how will we right all of our wrongs?
And, why must it take so very long?
I heard a man sing, “All You Need Is Love”
Just Enough... Just Enough... Just Enough...
Love.

