**Freedom - Better Now**

Better far— from all I see—  
To die fighting to be free  
What more fitting end could be?

Better surely than in some bed  
Where in broken health I'm led  
Lingering until I'm dead

Better than with prayers and pleas  
Or in the clutch of some disease  
Wasting slowly by degrees

Better than a heart attack  
or some dose of drug I lack  
Let me die by being black

Better far that I should go  
Standing here against the foe  
Is the sweeter death to know

Better than the bloody stain  
on some highway where I’m lain  
Torn by flying glass and pane

Better calling death to come  
than to die another dumb,  
muted victim in the slum

Better than of this prison rot  
if there’s any choice I’ve got  
Kill me here on the spot

Better for my fight to wage  
Now while my blood boils with rage  
Less it cool with ancient age

Better violent for us to die  
Than to Uncle Tom and try  
Making peace just to live a lie

Better now that I say my sooth  
I’m gonna die demanding Truth  
While I’m still akin to youth

Better now than later on  
Now that fear of death is gone  
Never mind another dawn.

~ Muhammad Ali