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Freedom into New Slavery

Jim Crow South

Free but without wealth

Slavery persists but by a new name

Sharecroppers unable to make progress

The world at war

new opportunities in the north

Escape from oppression

Yet Hate persists

Rise of the pullman porters

A desired position

Yet they are treated poorly

War ends

Soldiers return

Black Americans lose jobs

cycle of poverty created

Subtle racism to keep caste order

Rioting ensues

Fight for all to be equal

This was our past

Elements of this remain in our present

We must make sure that this does not become our future