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<i>John Lewis</i>: That's right, this happened in Greenwood!

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Some of you may have forgotten about Block being beaten up there.

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It was a rough time, but all of you remember though the shooting of Jimmy Travis here in Greenwood.

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All of you remember the time that Peacock and Block got shot at, the burning of the SNCC office, the shooting in Dewey Greene's home, George Greene's home.

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All of us remember those things, am I right?!

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[[crowd murmuring agreement]]

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These things happened right here in Greenwood less than 6 months ago.

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That's right. And a new time came to Greenwood. We were in a moment of crises then.

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That's right. The town was crippled with fear. The white folks didn't know what to do!

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Because instead of us running and leaving Greenwood, more workers came into Greenwood. Am I right?

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[[applause]] People came in.

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And you see that's what the white man wanted you to do.. wanted us to do.

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Shoot a nigger and watch him run, that's what he was saying.

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But this is a new nigger and you tell black that old man Hammond down there, we ain't running no more.

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And the next people that's goin' to run is goin' to be that political, corrupt crowd out of that courthouse.

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We're going to run 'em outta there.

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[[applause]]

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And they know that the handwriting is on the wall. They know it. It's on the wall. They can't stop it.

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They cannot stop it for whatever they do.

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Because as the Lord said if they slayed everybody in this house, you got some little kids 5 and 6 years old singing them freedom songs and they ain't gonna stand for it.

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They ain't gonna stand for it. You hear what I'm saying?

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It's impossible to be learning freedom songs and grow up to be a slave.

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'Cause there's something about them songs that make you want to be free. Is that right? Something about them.

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They get inside you and they make you think about all of things that you've been doing.

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You see all of the things that you've been doing wrong.

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And this is the same way all across the South.



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