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## A Score for Adam

This sound walk is a space for mourning. It reflects on a site of public grief for the loss of a 13-year-old boy named Adam Toledo who was shot by Chicago police on March 29, 2021 in the neighborhood of La Villita on Chicago's West Side. A Score for Adam examines a neighborhood's exteriors and interiors through the public landscape of a community and expressions of loss through everyday objects. Between a local high school and a church is a growing memorial of flowers, toys, flags, religious candles, and balloons. A Score for Adam invites the listener to remember Adam and all the Brown and Black boys like Adam who experience state violence in the U.S. and beyond.

## Guide

1. Identify a comfortable location for this sound walk. Imagine this location you are walking as a portal. Walk for 5-10 minutes listening only to your body in space until you feel settled in some kind of rhythm. Breathe.
2. After some moments, begin the sound walk. Let yourself move between the multiple spaces you are engaging with sonically and in real life. Listen. Breathe.
3. After listening and walking, give yourself time to take a rest somewhere. In your heart, take a moment to summon love and justice for Adam. Hold it and release. Breathe.