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How to SURVIVE the Future

EPISODE 5: THE NEAR WEST SIDE

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A SHOW ABOUT TODAY FROM AN IMAGINED TOMORROW

INFO

Title: The Near West Side

Episode Description:

When Alex said his neighborhood needed speedbumps to deal with the cops speeding through, poet Ross Gay said, "Build your own. That's what we did." Ross, is in his nineties now, but he's as much a part of the neighborhood as ever.

Interviewee(s): Ross Gay

Episode Link: IndianaHumanities.org/future/

Other links: rossgay.net/

QUOTES

- "I never thought I'd say it, but I've lived in this town for 67 years. It's nuts!" – [2:48](#)
- "Now we know each other different." – [8:04](#)
- "A lot of the people who would have left. It's not quite the same. I think a lot of that what people were chasing is not there in the same way. Those big fancy whatever far away. Some of that has proven itself to be a little bit of an illusion maybe or it's just gone entirely." – [10:11](#)
- "Hoarding that resource, of space, of shelter, it just stopped making sense." – [22:10](#)
- "We're getting better at kind of listening, I feel like. – [26:05](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A large part of this story involves cooperating with neighbors. How could you incorporate cooperation into your neighborhood?
- Ross presents a hopeful and bright future. What steps could you take to make that future happen in your community?