

Freedom

Freedom is not something
that anybody can be given;
freedom is something people take and
people are as free as they want to be.
One hasn't got to have an enormous
military machine in order to be unfree
when it's simpler to be asleep,
when it's simpler to be apathetic,
when it's simpler, in fact,
not to want to be free,
to think that
something else is more important.

James Baldwin,
"Notes for a Hypothetical Novel"