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## Prince to Play In Baltimore

A protest song was not enough. Days after debuting "Baltimore," a tribute to Freddie Gray, who sustained a fatal spinal-cord injury while in police custody, **Prince**, below, has announced a surprise "Rally 4 Peace" concert in Baltimore. It will be held Sunday at Royal Farms Arena.



"In a spirit of healing, the event is meant to be a catalyst for pause and reflection following the outpouring of violence that has gripped Baltimore and areas throughout the U.S.," Live Nation, the concert promoter, said in a statement. "Attendees are invited to wear something gray in tribute to all those recently lost in the violence," it added.

Tickets were to go on sale Wednesday at LiveNation.com. Some proceeds will benefit Baltimore youth charities, organizers said. And while "Baltimore" has yet to be released, its lyrics were made available online. It begins:

*Nobody got in nobody's way  
So I guess you could say  
It was a good day  
At least a little better than the  
day in Baltimore  
Does anybody hear us pray?  
For Michael Brown or Freddie  
Gray  
Peace is more than the absence  
of war  
Absence of war*

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