

Nothing is Happening

The brick in my throat
Tries to clone and build
A wall
A roof
A barrier
To keep quiet
Because I'm better off that way right?
To swallow my tears
To bring them back to where they belong
Because they belong inside
To show no unnecessary weakness
This I cannot explain to anyone
A weight forms on my neck
Bringing pain every moment of the day
I can't breathe sometimes
I think I might drown
Not wake up in the morning
Even though I can't find a con for that
I have too many thoughts
And I want to cover them all
Even though it's hard to sometimes
I don't think anyone wants to listen
And sometimes I'm not sure if I want them to
I'm the person people know exists but wouldn't create an unreparable hole if gone
I'm not the person that if were to come with a problem,
People would rush to help
Not because of what the problem is
But because of other people's values
I think lights have been dimmed on some things
When really they should be spotlighting them
When someone's work done with rich white hands has been cloned
It's plagiarism
When mine is
You have to consider what the copy machine has gone through and pity them
When someone's store gets robbed
Let's look at the owner
If the skin is pale
Everyone goes to help
The police track down the thief
And if the thief lacks the pale skin and fields of money gained from simply having a chance,
Then they will suffer dearly
If the owner lacks the pale skin

The police have a lot of other cases
They'll get to it soon
These prison statistics have a great racial disparity
It turns out we have the biggest prison population
Despite not being the largest country in the world
Prisons need more punishment more people
Since when are prisons about reforming and letting people back into society to make it better?
No
Prisons need harsher punishments,
So people can develop mental illnesses to come out of the cage place and take their life
Because that makes everything better
Instead of offering opportunities for change

If a woman's body is taken and used
She initiated it
She wore that blouse
She wore that skirt
She wore that dress
She said no
If she had said yes,
No force would have been necessary
It's not his fault he could have kept his eyes away
Or kept his touch away
She asked for it
Then she's the one looked at
Pointed at
Stared at
For carrying a life in her womb at a young age
While he can still live life freely
Without the chains of having to give up your dreams
Your wishes
Your past hopes

Go make dinner
Why are *the kids* not ready yet?
I need clean clothes
You never help pay for anything
My friend is coming so have extra food ready
I've had a long day at work and you?
Nothing
As always.

You have work aside from the duty you have as a woman
To the house

To this family
And to him'
What do you do with the money anyway?

Do you need to send it to your family?
Who needs it?
No no don't do that
By the way we need to go visit my side of the family so behave
What was that about with my family?
Don't take everything personally oh my gosh
You're so emotional
Why do you have something against her?
Why make a big deal about nothing?
I miss when you didn't have stretch marks
Why can't you take care of yourself more?

Why support bodies?
She's so bony and needs more defined features
Why does she?
For me and for everyone who has to look at her
You're encouraging her too much
She has all that on her
She should eat less
Has she ever considered a diet?

Now why did she start eating so much?
And why did she stop?

A leader of a nation
A leader
Who looks for the best for people
Right?

But only for *our kind*

We can't have drug dealers and thieves cross the border
We can't let them ruin our perfect world that would be free of crime without them?
Only people of my skin are drug dealers?
Is that right?
Every white male is a professional in a field
Right?
Skin determines who you are as a person right?
Except for the pale skinned though
Years of slavery mean nothing

Torturing native people into believing in a god who does not believe in torture or violence,
Is nothing
Protectors of citizens,
Choking people to death because they allegedly believe that they stole something
Bullets flying across the streets
Political figures with their life threatened
Violent marches with stereotyped people throwing harm at other stereotyped groups
Asian shop owners threatened and the Asian community blamed for bringing an entire
pandemic

That's nothing

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