

## By Any Other Name

I am a distraction, an annoyance, a fly on the back of your neck

I am an unspoken word, a topic that is ushered off to the side

I am the shouted cry of exasperation of enough is enough

I am a repeated definition, explaining that this is not about oppression

This is not about fear, or dominance or about being right

It's about doing what is right, which sometimes requires a little fight

A fight for equal pay, and a chance for any job

To break the stereotype that I should be a stay at home mom

That if I don't want to ever title myself as Mom that in my brain something is wrong

A fight against all forms of domestic abuse, and being considered a sissy for having emotions

That whatever interests you will make you any less of a man

I am the voice that is going to say this one more time

I am a feminist, I come in peace