

Untitled

A piece of me that will
Forever be etched in my heart
Reminding me of who I am
Inside and out with
Culture and tradition
Allowing me to express and impress...

Do You See Me?

After I pour my soul out in this poem, you still won't know me,
Because no matter how hard I try and try, people are still oblivious,
clueless to what I say or do or portray.
Depending on the little info that you've gotten.
Excuse me, I meant to say gossip, regarding my lifestyle and how I carry myself.
Forgetting that I too am a human being with feelings and emotions.
Guards thrown up mighty and high to avoid any
hate and ridicule that
I might receive because of my race or culture.
Juggling who I am vs who you see me as, while it's slowly
killing me, destroying me,
lighting me on fire
Many think I'm fine because when you ask how I am, I say doing well. But
no, no, no. I'm really not.
Over and over, again and again.
Patiently waiting for someone. Anyone! To
question me,
really look deep inside and
see me for the person I really am. I
try to do better and act stronger, for the sake of not just me but also others.
U think it's easy to just wake up and be comfortable? You say yes?
Very very wrong.
When you're sitting alone, crying your eyes out, trying to
xscape.
Yelling at the top of your lungs. Until you fall asleep and catch those
zzzs, and then realize nobody still knows the real you.

Show Time

Standing behind the wall, but lost all hope. Could I ever be free? I remained back there for minutes. I wish it could be hours, or maybe even days. The wood echoed as the crowd of hungry, leering men's cries became louder. They were waiting for me. I was told it was time to go and I followed my cue. I walked out on stage in my matching set and took my position. Waiting on the DJ, I looked out into the crowd. Horny men in their late 40s who have lost all interest in their wives, shouting and waiting anxiously for me to begin. I don't get embarrassed anymore. I've done this too many times to count. I'm a pro and they love it. The beats to my song start and my body takes control. The spotlight set on me as I dance and twist and shake. My adrenaline soars as I feed off the energy of the crowd. I think about how I got here.

My parents' death, my friends' betrayal, my younger siblings whom I'm left to care for. Anything to keep my mind off of this disgusting thing I do not because I enjoy it, but only because I have to. The song is coming to an end, so I do my last and best move. I know the men like it, and I need all the cash they brought to throw. The song ends just as my feet land back on the ground. I strut off the stage and block out the cheers. "Only a while longer", I repeat as I prepare for my one on ones. "Just need to save up a little bit more money." And then I can take us far away from this hell hole and give my siblings and I the fresh start at life that we all need. We gon' be alright. We gon' be alright. My mantra as I open the door to my next act and let my mind and body go numb.

Dark Betrayal

The night falls in a heavy, suffocating cloak. Lost are we. The light for which you pine flares once, then dies. Devoured by madness. All hope must not endure. Your heart desires no more.

How could you abandon me? Angels hover and surround us, crying because we have lost our light. What have you done to me? A haze of betrayal as emotions writhe. There was a time when we once enjoyed paradise. Innocent and untainted, but your heart vanished. A sickening pool of bitterness. Tears follow hate, hate follows pain. Love ground to dust in a torrent of vengeance, But I still love you.

Around, all around, the shadows begin to gather. My dread grows as the stroke of death falls against my heart. It wounds me, and darkly my essence drips to the cold, uncaring tombstones. In agony I fall limply while the end of life takes my hand. Now alone, my fervent plea falls upon uncaring eyes. This is because of you.

A Love Poem

I felt the urge to put my feelings in writing
Because when I met you I was struck by lightning
Love is our connection
To you I dedicate all my affection

With our love combined everything is in reach
Together we can withstand any siege
Words cannot express
How you have captured my heart with success

Our life together has just begun
Already we have had many moments of fun
I anxiously await our time ahead
For now, I keep dreaming of you instead

All of you is what I need
Together, we will succeed
I look forward to our next moment together
Because with you, life cannot become any better