

Paper

We stand together
Speak out against prejudice
Until we can breathe.

The word burns her ears,
Sets chills to her dark, warm skin.
She's more than a slur.

Her body is hers.
Her modesty is her choice.
Hijabs are no cage.

This land breathes her name.
Her people smelled this air first.
Her culture's no jest.

Cent'ries of hist'ry
They tug back their eyes and laugh.
She still stands: Regal.

Her culture's of love.
Her people are shunned: pushed South.
Music's in her blood.

We inform the world.
The ignorant are paper.
Rewrite the future.

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