

# Endangered Species

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I am an endangered species  
But I sing no victim's song  
I am a woman I am an artist  
And I know where my voice belongs

I am a woman I exist  
I shake my fist but not my hips  
My skin is dark my body is strong  
I sign of rebirth no victim's song

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They cut out my sex they bind my feet  
Silence my reflex no tongue to speak  
I work in the fields I work in the store  
I type up the deals and I mop the floors

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My body is fertile I bring life about  
Drugs, famine, and war, take them back out  
My husband can beat me his right they say  
And rape isn't rape you say I like it that way

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I am a woman I am an artist  
And I know where my voice belongs  
I know where my soul belongs  
I know where I belong

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