

Where are we headed?
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I grind my teeth at night,
I grind, and grind and grind.

What is happening to this world, this place
This beautiful planet Earth God gave us.
Why does it seem like no progress
Has been made, so many lives lost
In vain, Dr. Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy,
Malcolm X, Gandhi, Benazir Bhutto, Malala Youzasfi,
and the list goes on...

From Capitol Hill to Myamar, from Kenya to Paris, from Madrid to Syria,
why is there still so much violence, hatred, intolerance?
The people want peace and government just wants war, greedy power
hoarding lust.
Shame on you, shame on you, shame on you, CIA, FBI, LAPD, NYPD,
Policía, Gestapo, Guardia Civil Española, terrorists, radicalists, whatever
the MEDIA wants to call them or our Secret Service, MI6, makes us believe
and labels them for a hidden political agenda.

Enough is enough!

I look into my son's eyes, he is just 7, and I'm left speechless when he asks
questions like: "Are all White people bad?" "Black people are good."
I'm forced to explain complex issues too soon, I want him to keep his
innocence.

It offends me deeply to see how fellow Americans openly and publicly
insult President Obama, calling him: "Nigger" What is wrong with people?

Why is my country of birth so backwards, so biased, so racist, so
discriminatory, so sexist, so abusive, so pompous, so homophobic, why are
gay children being bullied into committing suicide to end the pain, deep
wounds, everlasting pain.

Pain, pain, pain deep in my soul

Is what I feel, I look at my son

Who says his color skin is "mocha" and mine "peach"

And I worry, and worry myself sick, for I see how this world
Still hasn't changed.

I try hard as a parent to promote diversity
In a society that is so divided these days,
In a community where Blacks hate Asians and
The Asians discriminate against anyone who is not
PURE Korean or Japanese, unless you have billions
To throw in their face, and they still try to cheat you
Even when you prove you can buy their overpriced
Stuff.

I'm sick of listening to racists remarks on National TV,
Trump flaunting his ignorance, and Hillary pretending to care,
And Carson who can't even look at you straight in the eyes,
And Rubio who just memorizes and regurgitates thoughts
That seem foreign and don't belong in his Napoleon complex body.

I sit here having to swallow the rough sexist pill within my own industry
One that I slaved over for 20 years, the male dominated sexist film
business.

The 3% Women in Advertising – pathetic and shameful.
Where the richest man in the world is worth almost twice the richest
woman. And the second richest is the daughter of the richest man.

2016, YES! 2016 not 1900's and yet we are dealing with issues regarding
equal pay, paid paternal leave.

A Mom's baby dies on the first day he's left at daycare in NYC, within 2 hrs
The poor 3 month old baby boy Karl pronounced dead, cause:
undetermined.

I'll tell you what the cause is!!!
MONEY!!! CAPITALISM at its best!!!

As parents we try to protect our children, shield them at least from the
blaring news on TV, always bad, always negative, a noise you can't seem
to turn off or shut down completely, you hear the most narrow-minded
fools speak about race and immigration.

America is a nation built by immigrants, it's a young country made up of
immigrants from all over the world.

How can we believe the lies being fed to us by greedy, power-hungry
politicians, all looking to check –off the box of yet another ego-boost.

The violence against my sex in media is deafening, its sickening...
I've fought against this all my life, to finally see liberal France outlaw
hooting and cat-calling in the streets, subways, bus, in public places
Is a major victory for someone who had a guy masturbate in front of her

Heading up the Harlem-Hudson line back to Sarah Lawrence College,
and idyllic campus in Westchester- really Yonkers county
Felt up by a Russian guy in the Metro in St. Petersburg, had my crotch
grabbed at a Metro in Moscow.

Sexually harassed endless times in NYC by construction workers, yuppies,
crack heads, cab drivers, policemen, firefighters, and even a shrink,
I was 15 years old when a yuppie all dressed-up in corporate attire,
whispered rapidly into my ears: "I wanna fuck you bad!" as I passed by
him walking down Park Avenue going to my High School.
In Lisbon I was nearly raped by my tour guide-choffer.

Why are men so afraid of women in this country? Why?

30,000 Euros does not make a wrong, right, does not wash away the
YUCKY feeling.

What did we do that was sooooo, soooo wrong, that we have to pay the
price with our sex with our motherhood, the ability to create life in the
depths of our wombs?

I still mourn Maya Angelou's death,

I still feel her spirit alive in me,

YES! I know now why the caged bird sings, Yes you are always right,
always wise, so cautious with your words, so graceful with your work so
perfectly executed.

Thank God for COMEDY, thank God my sense of humor mysteriously
Magically flourish as a natural form of armour as if my heart couldn't
Take it anyone. Thank you Dave, thank you Amy Schumer, thank you
Whoopi Goldberg, thank you Wanda Sykes, thank you Louise Dreyfuss,
Thank you Whitney Cummings, thank you C.K. Louis, thank you Jimmy
Fallon, thank you Larry David, thank you Arsenio Hall, thank you David
Letterman, thank you Margaret Cho, thank you Aziz Ansari, thank you Tina
Fey, Thank you Amy Poelher, thank you Jo Koy, !Gracias Martes y 13!

So what is left, I ask? as I lift my hands up in prayer and worship.

God what are we to do? How do we care for our children?

Protect them? Grant them hope everyday? Encourage them?

Paint a perfect picture of the world not bad as it is, but as it should be?

FORGIVE, FORGIVE, FORGIVE, our Pastors say,
our heart tells us is the right thing.

Believe in a better tomorrow

HOPE for a more tolerant world,

where people aren't killed for the color of their skin

or the religion they practice, or risking your life to come to America

for a better future? Or because you were born a girl? Hello?!?!?

Newsflash China, if you exterminate vaginas no one's going to be left

On planet earth to birth your bratty communists baby boys.

We live in a country where there is no respect for the elderly, where they are left to die in a nursery home at best like a dead animal on the side of the road, no one ever stops to resuscitate to at least pick-up the dead cadaver and bury it. I once ran over a rabbit, it was us in the car or the rabbit, I made a decision and felt like I lost a life, that the rabbit I was in another life had died before I had a chance to live it.

We forget the pressure or law enforcement, policemen and women are under, in the heat of the moment, they are simply robots, following orders. Who let the dogs out on the poor Black children in Alabama in 1963? The Police? They were shit-scared themselves, just like the Fire Fighters hoosing down, brutally sadistically , all those skinny little children. They were following orders by men who only cared about their political agenda and could not above all loose face. Those poor children where following their heart and only wanted their FREEDOM!!!