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## Black Girl, Black Boy

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## **Black Girl, Black Boy**

Black girl see everything

Black girl listen more than they speak  
Black girl absorb all pain  
(Absorb the pain so that black boy don't have to)

Black girl take in all the anger 'woke' black boy has for all black girl  
Centuries of genetically predisposed hate for his own kind  
Says this is why he doesn't deal with black girls in the first place  
Why the biggest plight of the black girl IS the black girl.  
How her very existence is a contradiction in and of itself  
How she is supposed to provide all her strength to black boy,  
And still have enough strength to hold her own  
How the only person giving power to other black girl is other black girl

And black girl can never be fed up with black boy's mistreatment  
Wants to give past black boys a big "f\*\*\* you" with both fingers in the air  
But black girl cannot flip him off,  
No--  
Black girl's hands are already occupied.  
Black girl will never take away hands from up under  
woke  
black  
boys

Black girl was made to lift all black boys  
So, black girl will keep on lifting all black boys  
Even if this means she must sacrifice her own happiness  
Even if he never learns to appreciate it

Black girl see everything  
Black girl will watch black boy grow stronger and be smarter  
And erase the memories of all black girl  
Scrub off the love that black mother nourished black boy with and  
watch him go out into the world  
and let the world do its killing thing that it always does

And black girl may be a contradiction,  
but black girl will continue to have unconditional space in their hearts for black boy,  
even if he fills it with anger and rejection of all black girl  
And black girl will have seen it all  
And she will carry his body home  
after the world has destroyed everything black boy is made out of  
After everyone else has no more use for him  
Black girl will tear out the nails from his wrists  
and carry the weight of black boy on her shoulders like it's scripture

Black girl will keep on lifting black boy  
Black girl will keep on lifting black boy  
Black girl will keep on lifting,  
even if she must sacrifice her own happiness,  
her own identity,  
her own love for fellow black girls out there,  
black girl will /keep/ on lifting

If black girl don't, then, who the fuck will?