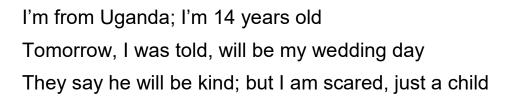
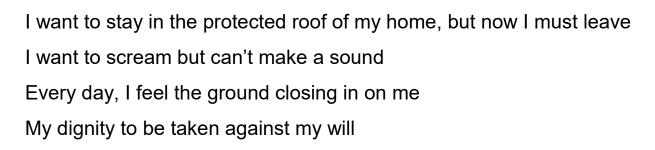


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SAMARA GLAZER, GRADE 8 ROBBINS HEBREW ACADEMY THIRD PRIZE

I AM





I'm from India; I'm 14 years old
It is 5 am and I am waking up to go to work
The factory beckons to me despite my protests

From sunrise to sunset, my hands work endlessly; my thumbs calloused from the needles

I made a mistake and was punished; a belt against my hands My dreams of getting an education are washed away I try to stay hopeful; but hope isn't enough



I'm from Canada; I'm 14 years old
I spend my days going to school and enjoying my passions
I roam the city streets with my friends, as I wish
I am privileged to fill the air around me with choice, free will and happiness
As I dream, of one day, to be an inspiring woman

Three different girls, three different lives

The cultures and beliefs separate us, yet womanhood unites us