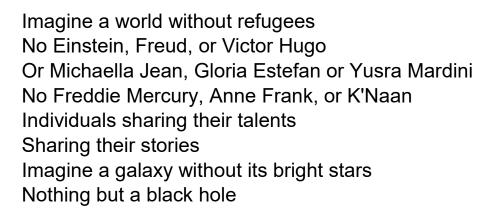


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IMAGINE





Imagine a world without refugees
No scientists, artists, politicians
Or athletes, entrepreneurs, educators
No grocery store workers, custodians, and restauranteurs
Ordinary people contributing their talents as they start a life anew
Setting examples with their courage and their strength
Enriching lives of those around them

But truly imagine a world where there are no refugees
Not because they are not wanted
But because there's simply no need
A world where people don't need to flee their homes to save their lives
A world without war, injustice, violence, or fear
But where people leave because it's a choice
People still enriching lives and making a difference
But on their terms
Imagine