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ruled our lives

I thought equality was real and

that Martin Luther King's dream was my dream too

because the blood that pumps through my veins is as red as any other's

and

when I fall the tears that roll down my cheeks are as salty as the sea that separates me

from my brothers across the world

I grew up thinking that the world was my oyster

until

I realized equality wasn't real

That flowers grew over the unmarked

graves of dead dreams like mine

They scream for equality

Yet their screams get lost in the wind and

only a faint whisper can be heard

It asks whoever will listen

Why

Why does what's between my legs or lack thereof justify

any different treatment

Why does the color of the skin on my body

the breasts on my chest

or the language my tongue spits out

get me treated differently

Weren't we all born from the same star

Aren't we all sons of Abraham?

So why

Why

does the title Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Gay, Straight, Hutu, or Tutsi mean we should love each other any less?

Because in the end

We are all human as human is



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