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Somewhere beyond Jerry Springer,
Sex in the City and the Bachelor

A woman is punished to death by stoning
For bearing a child out of marriage

Somewhere beyond baby showers,
Maternity leave and the cute little clothes

Religious men will pull the child
Just weaned from her arms

Somewhere beyond the business woman,
Education, the ability to read

A mother still rich with milk
Will be placed into the ground

Somewhere beyond the rules of government,
The protection of police, the right to live without fear

Religious men will surround the mother
Armed with rocks named in god

Somewhere beyond the right to fight,
The strength to speak, the power to scream

A newly made mother will die knowing
The hands emptied at her demise will lift her crying child.