



DARLING

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Darling,
They will ask of you silence
They will expect of you rage
They will give you no time to make a mistake
They will have no explanation
And every excuse
They will do everything they can
To destroy you
But you
Must. Not. Let. Them.

Darling,
They will tell you about your skin
They will tell you about your bones
They will even tell you about your marrow
But they will never know your name.

Darling,
Give them a good reason
To know your name
You are a miracle
A survivor of yesterday's bloodshed
A reason to believe in change
Stars and planets collide with the thought of you
Time stops to welcome you
You are made of light.

Darling,
They will fear you because of this
And that is OK
Do not be scared
This world will give you anything
If you fight for it
So fight
Fight with your mind
Fight with your words
Fight with everything you've got

They expect nothing of you but surrender
So stun them.

Darling,
Stun them with your intelligence
Shock them with your well of passion and ability to love
Terrify them with your grace and forgiveness
And watch
As they make space for you
At the very table you created.



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