



## 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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