

WRITING**Woman**

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TYPE**POETRY**

**Content note: this piece contains reference to sexual assault*

I am woman

I love flowers, I love candy, I love the color pink

I am woman

I eat, I sleep, I breathe light airy breaths

I am woman

I do my nails, I take cute pictures, I buy things in pink

I am woman

I listen to music, I dance, I wear clothes that fit

I am woman

I love to live life to the fullest, I love to be me

I am woman

I cry, I get angry, I accept. . .

I am woman

I cover my curves, I hide my body from the world

I am woman

I am at fault, I take blame, I stay quiet

I am woman

My skin is thick, it is intimidating
I am woman
Being a woman comes with risks, and fears.
I am woman
I have faced them head on
I am woman
I refuse to accept
I am woman
I celebrate my body even when others refuse to
I am woman
1 out of 6 women have experienced sexual assault
I am woman
I am that one out of six
I am woman
I stand strong

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