

WRITING

The Achilles Heel

We care,

As a Black Woman,

We share,

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We love,

TYPE

We wouldn't even dare to receive.

POETRY

From the emotional pain and heartache we bare,

GENRE

To the hatred for us that everyone breeds.

GRADES 9-12

It's ok, Black Women, it's okay.

They see you as strong, they see you as brave.

The shadow behind the hero who doesn't get an ounce

of credit.

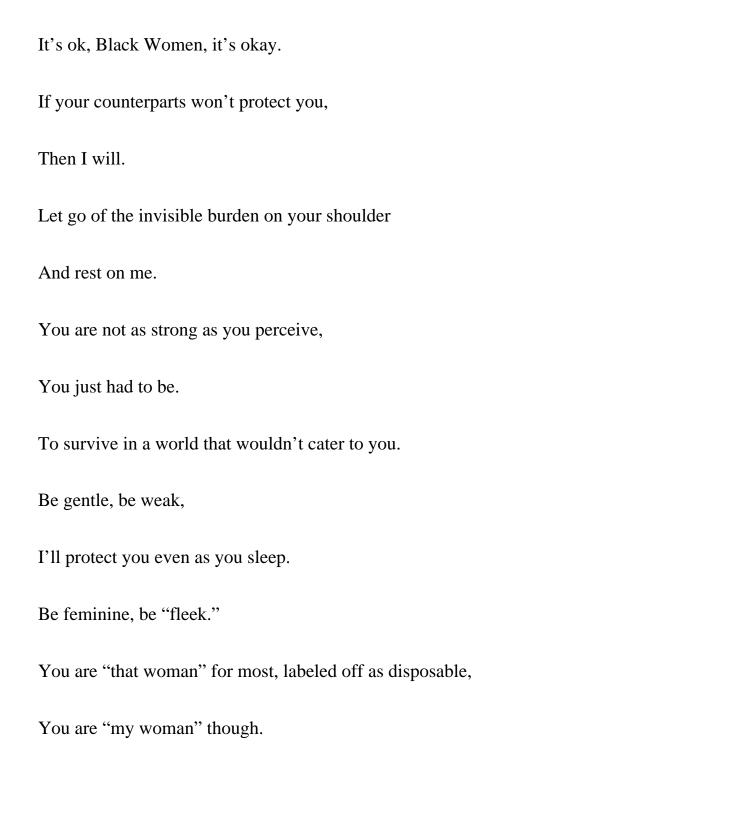
It's expected.

Someone they can spill their thoughts to, full of

rotting decay.

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Worth your weight in pearls and gold, just like Beyoncé wrote.

Black Women, we are the blueprint for femininity.

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