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***DON’T STAY IN YOUR LANE***

Don’t

Stay in your lane

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Don’t

Not even if you’re a cis white, male, able bodied heterosexual,

middle class, young and beautiful

Don’t

Stay in your lane

Don’t

Not even if you’re too dumb to understand

just how privileged you are

Better to speak up and get your ass kicked

Than stay stupid forever

Don’t

Stay in your lane

Don’t

Solidarity is not a “yes, darling, whatever you want“

You gotta put your head on the chopping block

Privilege is an obligation

Privilege gives you power

What are you gonna do with it

Lie back and enjoy

Or try to make a better world

True

Privilege can blind you

It can give you a voice

When the only choice you should be making

Is to shut up and listen

But sooner or later

You have to come to your own decision

What are you fighting for

Don’t

Stay in your lane

Don’t

Oppression is real

It fucks you up

But sometimes

Injustice and cruelty can be a kind of high octane fuel You can become incandescent

The damage remains

Hidden in dark caves

And we can be blind in places we don’t even know exist

But we are training each other to be warriors

Our superpower is that we can see with more than

our own two eyes

I can see with your eyes

You can see with mine

Don’t

Stay in your lane

Don’t

Revolution is not

“You fight your corner, I fight mine”

We must all be on the same side

In the war against injustice

We are not parallel streams

We are one mighty river

Or we are nothing

Don’t

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