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Gender Studies
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Gender

Let's pretend that I was a female

Being in a society where males are dominant

In a patriarchal world

Realize how hard it is to be a girl

You have to go to work,

Be paid less than men,

Less respected

Be treated so unfairly

Boys making fun of you like

"Girls are weak"

"Girls are stupid and too emotional"

"Girls are subordinate to boys"

And now you feel lonely

Your mind is going crazy

Be confused with your intersectionality

Which is like a puzzle of identities

we can hardly put together

But in reality, I'm a boy

And I realize

How lucky I am to be male.

Family Structure

Let's pretend it is 2010

I dream to come to the United States

To have a better education

To be more privileged

To be, later, an ambassador

To defend my country

But I realize

My dream will never become true

When all my family left

Without taking me with them

Because what?

Because of family structure

They want me to be with

The rest of my big family

To teach me how to be

A good Muslim,

To get used to

Another family structure

To be more responsible for myself

To know real life,

How hard it is

But let's stop pretending

Look at me now

When I finally come to the United States

I change so much

I level up in another social class

In another strata

In another type of life

2010 seems like yesterday

But it was just a dream

Those days are gone

They are just memories

Religion

Let's pretend religion does not exist anymore

Things will be different

There will be no patriarchy

No more xenophobia

No more homophobia

Gay people will be free

Lesbians will be free

No more double standard

Between girls and boys

Let's pretend that I wasn't a Muslim

What type of religion will I be part of?

Let's pretend that I have been lost

With misunderstanding

Caused by our religion

Having struggles with my intersectionality

Will I fit in our society?

But the thing is

My religion comes first before society

Because I love my religion,

My identity,

Especially my god "ALLAH"

I am proud to be part of

My religion called "Islam"

My question for humankind is:

Will you feel the same way about your religion?