In support of

I Say No More to Sexual Violence

Yo Dígo No Más

I understand how it feels. I understand how it feels, not to be appreciated. For one to not feel as if she is enough, not worthy enough to feel and to touch the true power of her powerful well-being.

Sitting on the sidelines, creeping in the shadows beneath those who shine, guilt in their eyes, still smiling proudly, despite all the lies they have told.

The false hope they gave, given in attempt to silence her, for her to think everything was okay.

She sits around the table for wasted talents and unwanted potential, with more than enough time for all the accidental thoughts to come into place.

So desperate, the world attempts to erase this young woman's pride. But despite all the challenges in life she may face, she will continue to thrive.

She is not a stranger to scars; she will continue to rise. And she will make sure her voice is heard throughout the entire world, for all women and men to hear.

Because she is outgoing, she is courageous, she is beauty, she is loving, she is rage, she is fury, she is anger, she is loyal, she is intelligent, she is ambitious, she is honesty.

She is all these emotions combined, but greater. Yet, still forced into fear to give her all to a world that forgets to include her.

Because in the world we live in her voice is fading; yet another`reason I know why humanity is failing.

The woman she feared to be, is the woman she already was. Don't want to grow into her own faults and regrets. It is up to us to fight for the cause.

To clear the path, for the next generation of young women to ascend so we can proudly look forward to entrusting our legacy with them.

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