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'cause I refuse to be looked at as
your silly whore
my words are not here to please you
but you still have to listen
because you are the reason for my
pain
I'm speaking some real shit...

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because I have been silent for too
long
the pain and hurt has been building
for so long
it's like a knife in my soul
like walking barefoot over hot coals
my heart is no longer whole
I feel incomplete...

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it's time for us to take a stand
let the world know we no longer stand
behind a man
because I am a man
I am strong
I am courageous
I am a phenomenal woman
and I am declaring
I am everything like a man ~ but I am
better
but this gets to me because...
now, are we saying we are men?
instead of women being strong
women being courageous
women being phenomenal

We are each other
your pain is my pain
we are all pieces of one puzzle
adding up to
We
who is me
who is us
which is unity

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Because I am a strong black girl
Because my voice is my own
Because I will stand strong
I can shout
I don't need no more pain
I need to gain ~ strength
Because I've been taught to be
different
I got too much to say
I am a phenomenal black woman

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My creator did not create me to be
silent
Because the tears we cry together
Leads to the river we drink from
together
I've been silent too long and it's
time
For me to speak
'cause I refuse silence
Because I'm ready to kill the pain
Because I will end the struggle
Stand up to all
Raise my voice
Open my eyes
Tell the world..
It's me... **SURPRISE!**

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