

## The Second Rape

Aus-Rotten

Every 45 seconds a woman is raped  
Our sexist culture allows no escape  
The is violent crime is far from obscurity  
When the rate of victims is one in three  
Society conditions men to be rapists  
And our indifference perpetuates it  
With derogatory language that tends to dehumanize  
Making it easier for men to victimize  
And the pornographic images that help portray  
Women as legitimate sexual prey  
When sexism is embedded in our judicial system  
It's no surprise why the courts won't listen  
And the role of attacker and survivor become distorted  
So the majority of rapes are never reported  
The threat of rape is always there  
It's like a poison that saturates the air  
A society stricken by a cancerous disease  
Where men know they can do as they please  
    You tell me the punishment for rape  
    You tell me how much jail time it will take  
    When one out of three women will be raped  
    You tell me what it's going to fucking take  
Do you see me in my low cut shirt  
Or high heel shoes or a miniskirt  
Woman is the victim you desire  
You say you can't resist your predatory fire  
    You tell me why I stand guilty and accused  
    You tell me when I'm beaten and abused  
    When it's my body that's been raped and defiled  
    You tell me why I'm the one on trial  
Defense attorney?: Do you know the man who "allegedly" attacked you?  
Victim?: Yes I know the man who raped me.  
Defense attorney?: And isn't this man a friend of yours?  
Victim?: Well I thought he was a friend of mine.  
Defense attorney?: And were you drinking that night he "allegedly" attacked  
you?  
Victim?: I had a drink or two but is that a crime?  
Defense attorney?: I'll ask the questions if you don't mind!  
-What were you wearing: How did you act?  
Victim?: My wardrobe isn't an invitation for a man to attack.  
-I didn't act in any way to bring this on. Why am I on trial? What did I do  
wrong?  
Defense attorney?: Could you tell the jury why you let this happen?  
Victim?: I was in shock. I couldn't stop him.  
Defense attorney?: You claim that you were raped but how do we know?  
Victim?: I said no, I said no, no, no!  
Defense attorney?: Isn't it true you're just a woman scorned?  
Victim?: I'm a woman who's been raped and torn.  
Defense attorney?: Your honor, I demand that this case be dismissed,  
-it all comes down to her word against his!  
I may not have bruises all over my body  
I may have been drinking at the party  
But when I went to his room I never would have guessed  
That he would force my no to mean a yes  
    You tell me why I'm guilty of this crime  
    You tell me why the responsibility is mine  
    When women suffer a second rape during trial

Courts help rapists to violate and defile