

## By Ourselves

Blood Orange

Oh  
They took and skinned my name  
Try to raise the feeling  
I saw right through, tried to love them  
They threw it in your face, tell you what you're feeling  
How could they know?  
It's what they read  
So when you see her cry, you always knew  
It's how we could all by ourselves

I will show you a 26 year old woman who learned to dance until  
she felt pretty  
Feminism wears a throwback jersey, bamboo earrings, and a face  
beat for the gods  
Feminism is Missy, Lil Kim, and Angie Martinez on the "Not Toni  
ght" track  
Feminism says as a woman in my arena you are not my competition  
As a woman in my arena your light doesn't make mine any dimmer

I did not grow up to be you  
But I did grow up to be me  
And to be in love with who this woman is  
To be a woman playing a man's game  
And not be apologetic about any of it  
If you ask me why representation is important  
I will tell you that on the days I don't feel pretty  
I hear the sweet voice of Missy singing to me  
Pop that pop that, jiggle that fat  
Don't stop, get it til your clothes get wet  
I will tell you that right now there are a million black girls  
just waiting to see someone who looks like them