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