## **Endangered Species**

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I am an endangered species
But I sing no victim's song
I am a woman I am an artist
And I know where my voice belongs

I am a woman I exist
I shake my fist but not my hips
My skin is dark my body is strong
I sign of rebirth no victim's song

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They cut out my sex they bind my feet Silence my reflex no tongue to speak I work in the fields I work in the store I type up the deals and I mop the floors I am an endangered species

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My body is fertile I bring life about Drugs, famine, and war, take them back out My husband can beat me his right they say And rape isn't rape you say I like it that way

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And I know where my voice belongs
I know where my soul belongs
I know where I belong