

The Future We See

I open the gilded doors,
And let the future in.

All humans stand proud
No barbed wire of gender-
Equality shall abound
And to that cause, no surrender.

And on the ground, broken, lie
Shards of the rigid glass ceiling;
Proud female fists, now held up high
No longer bent, no longer kneeling.

And no longer are restricted
The women of our world
Strong, powerful, educated;
Our flag of diversity unfurled.

Hand in hand, our shackles we tear
And water the seeds, of opportunity
Of autonomy and freedom, no longer unfair
In meadows of blossoms of unity.

Come, let us open these very gilded doors
And together, today, let our future in.

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