"Powerless"

Classified

It's hard to be strong when you feeling powerless

"I'm sorry that she is affected I did not ever intend to hurt anyone"

"How in the name of god would you think that she wouldn't be affected?

How? you have no idea how devastated we are feeling because of what you did!"

She wonders why nobody hears her cry

The footsteps in the hallway have her terrified

Scared as she looks into his staring eyes

He crawls into her bed and she just lays there almost paralyzed

Feeling (powerless)

She feels so (powerless)

She close her eyes and hides under the covers as her father tried to touch her

He took advantage of her took all her innocence from her

She tried to explain to mother but she said she don't believe it

Nobody want to talk about it

Cause this don't happen to good people, this don't happen to good people

At the age of seventeen she finally went to the police

Charged him for the crimes he did and finally took him off the streets

And at the trial, she had to relive it all again

On the stand explaining how this man had took her life but then

Abused for nine years, he got four months and a bit

She got a lifelong sentence, he got a slap on the wrist

It happens all too much but too many keep it hush-hush

How these kids supposed to trust us, man

Don't let them feel powerless

I won't feel powerless...

Thank you to my hero, I hope to meet you someday, can anybody out there hear me

I hope somebody can hear me, cause I don't wanna be here no more

One day, one day, cause I don't wanna be here no more

One day, one day, cause I don't wanna be here no more

Shout out where my birthplace is and to the first nations

And to the people making the best out of the worst cases

Too many unanswered questions and open murder cases

Without a voice how we supposed to encourage changes

My grandmother was part white and part native

In fact my high school was part white and part native

I'm personally connected, I've met people who been affected

They been asking for some help, but they been continually neglected

How many more of these indigenous women have to go missing before somebody will listen, huh

We need to change the conditions

Maybe it's blatant racism

Maybe there's hate in the system

But we got to fix it

Cause the people feel (powerless)

And the mother's feel (powerless)

And the father's feel (powerless)

Like don't anybody care about my daughter

Don't anybody care if she's alive or she was slaughtered

They deserve to know so they can go and bury her with honor

Big up to those fighting on and everybody fighting strong

I wish that I could do more than just write a song

I feel so powerless, I feel so powerless

It's hard to be strong

But don't feel powerless, don't feel powerless

Nah, speak up and keep on

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I hope somebody can hear me, cause I don't wanna be here no more

One day, one day, cause I don't wanna be here no more

One day, one day, cause I don't wanna be here no more

One day

For some people

All they have is hope

Hopefully one day

To all the things that we don't like talking about

And we know we should be talking about it

This happens a lot more than what we think it does

Don't let them make you feel powerless

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