

# ABUSE by Liam Matz Asheville High

Blue and red lights cascade over these walls  
But do nothing but camouflage the blue and red bruises on her cheek

Metallic flashes off badges reminder her of metallic flashes off automatics so she keeps her mouth shut

At night she prays that the pain of her body will distract her from the pain of her mind

Pain amplified by the constant sexism that's hold on her life like his hold on her arm  
Like his hand it squeezes until it leaves empty white spots on her soul to match the empty white spots on her skin

No one understands why she stays but then again no one can see the ball and chain of economic dependance

No one can comprehend the mental slavery that has whipped her mind into submission

No one wants to believe that equal rights are still not a part of our stadia quo

She holds the bleakness of her reality in the back her subconscious to combat the fear of her own safe-haven  
To forget the sadness of her own happy place  
And to ignore that stranger in the back of her own mind

Instead she presents a facade of emotions that cover up her life like the sunglasses she uses to cover up her tear red eyes

She moves on  
She knows the only way out is forward  
The only deliverance is through endurance  
And the only salvation requires sacrifice

So she waits  
She is waiting  
Waiting for that moment when she can reach up and hold on to the stars so that when he falls he doesn't drag her down with him

She is waiting  
Waiting for that moment when she will rise up she will break free she will go places  
She will rule the world  
She will conquer the cosmos she will preside over the universe and she will leave him and them and sexism behind her

And any one who says different can go through me

While I have balls instead of breasts and I prefer brawn over brain  
And I use old spice instead of dove  
I still have a mother I still have a sister I still have a grandmother  
And I will not stand for this prejudice anymore I am done I am done I am done I am done  
But she is just getting started