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Born in a patriarchal society, that won't allow her to shine,
She tries to speak up, only to find herself maligned.
Every day she is told that her appearance defines her worth,
If only others could tell how much their words hurt.
For she is nothing but a fragile soul, broken over and over again,
Yet she fights and fights to push past the pain.
"Stand back and let the men handle this,"
She is told every day,
And their command is what she is trained to obey

Trapped in a world of misogyny, She dreams to find her freedom.

Forced to labour from a young age,
In his own life choices, he does not have a say.
He works and works to make his parents proud,
But the words he aches to hear are not once said aloud.
The days go by, and as do the nights,
Yet not one soul takes notice of his plight.
He lays awake at night staring at the ceiling,
Hoping to one day escape from this feeling

Bound by unrealistic expectations, He dreams to find his freedom

Lost in a world of ableism, racism, casteism, and whatnot,
They fight for their freedom in this Kingdom of God.
Casting away the shadow of darkness,
They put on their armour of light.
For no mercy is to be shown,
But little do they know, justice will prevail,
They will survive the unknown.
Caged by these invisible shackles, they fight to be free
And with their unbreakable determination, on this quest,
They will succeed.