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*flower*

KHADIJAH RASHID

maybe when i'm older  
i'll get to talk to you  
maybe when i'm older  
we'll discuss all that we've been through

maybe you'll respect my choices  
and i'll respect yours, too  
maybe when i'm older  
i'll get to talk to you

but in the meantime,  
we'll keep a safe distance  
in the meantime,  
we're still deep in that resistance

that we'll be able to look at  
with retrospect from where we're sat  
seeing each other more clearly  
across the room

when i'm older, and maybe  
i come sit next to you

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