

How Did We Get Here?
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How did we get here?
To a place where a gun
Has more rights than a woman

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To a place where supreme court justices
With a foot already in the grave
Can control women's bodies
Like this is monopoly
And they own park place and boardwalk

I'll tell you how
Greed and Ignorance
That's how we got here

You can sit nice and pretty in your bubble
But what happens
When it's your wives, daughters, granddaughters, mothers, aunts, sisters, and girlfriends?
What happens
When they're the ones being directly impacted?
How will you feel then?
And more importantly how will they feel?
What will they do?

Wake up.
Use your voice.
This is not the time for ignorance.

In a place
Where the penalty for getting an abortion
Can be more severe
Than the penalty for rape
You should know
This isn't about the rights of fetuses

The 6 supreme court justices
Who voted to overturn Roe
Are rooted in hypocrisy
Because how can you claim to be pro-life
When you've spent your entire career
Upholding harmful policies aimed at minorities

And looking the other way
Whenever their lives are threatened
How can you claim to be pro-life
When children are massacred in classrooms
And you turn a blind eye

I'm gaining momentum
To create an 8th deadly sin
Called hypocrisy
Dedicated to those 6 supreme court justices

They're knocking down minorities
As if they're bowling pins
And the reproductive rights of women
Are just another pin

And the ugly truth
Is that those 6 supreme court hypocrites
Are playing the most barbaric bowling game
In history
And it's only the first frame

Wake up.
Use.
Your.
Voice.

Our numbers are large
And we will fight back
We will not sit quietly and watch
As our fundamental rights
Are stripped away

Those 6 justices may be content
With my name being Offred
And my existence being defined
As an incubator
Like we're living in a Margaret Atwood novel
But I am not.

It is not the time to sit on the sidelines
And watch the battle
As you claim to not pick a side

Wake up and use your voice!
This is the first time the supreme court
Has ever taken away a right
And who's to say they'll stop there?