Audible
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A Silence.
She stays silent.
Never talks back, never looks up.

They want her to be remarkable.
They want her to thrive.
But, no they do not.
They block her ways out.
She cannot escape.
She pushes, she pulls but there’s no response.

She stays silent.

Under her silence she works.
Under her silence she stands.
They look at her, but they see nothing.
They listen to her, but they hear nothing.

She stays silent.

Her mind becomes powerful.
Her knowledge expands.
They see her, they frighten her.
But now, she fears nothing.

She breaks through the silence.

She grows,
She’s being well known.
She’s not silent anymore.

They see her, they hate her.
They hear her, they envy her.
They want her to be silent.

She speaks louder and louder and louder!
They fear her.
They plead her.
They need her.