

Read My Lips  
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Can you hear me?  
Or am I speaking to myself  
Placed high on the shelf  
In an invisible box as sound proof as death  
Mouth committed theft  
Stole sound so now I sit in a world where words mean nothing so nothing is said  
Instead  
Thoughts sugar coffee black space  
Restless as they refuse to cease pace  
Cos she, he and her felt like I deserved no voice  
Because I made the choice to speak up once birthday luck had run out  
Hence why a statement morphed into a shout  
Which then transcribed to get the f out  
So I left  
And its for the best  
Because when I speak I rush in and don't think  
Push fam to the end and mum to the brink of despair, I appear not to care about how they feel or  
what they see in me  
Though I fear lights filtered through negativity because in minds eye  
I'm the black sheep  
The one that stands alone  
Isolated and transported to my own unique zone of imagination  
A creation of mine and I don't mind cos see its better this way  
I can talk to paper and write my say  
Allow those hard of hearing to read and relate  
It's fate, this gift of writing  
Cease teeth from constantly biting slug which leaves a trail of pure slime i now lay prints of a biro'd  
line so eyes can trace my rhythmical rhyme  
Some would call it compliance because I vent in silence try to turn back on violence, I desire peace  
Though I resent the police, they do what they please  
Pleasure prime dick on knees swallow keys of equality  
I don't believe they care much for micro society  
Merely sound absorbers  
Disguise lies in orders  
Mute two million protests to prevent governmental contest,  
And as,  
Soundless feet  
Marched to a beat  
Refused to take seat  
Rather stand to replace those victims of a bomb burnt land, I realised  
That advice I never listened to  
Was that I should always listen  
Unplug ears from plasticine  
De-mould self from day dream  
Draw in breath and colour out scream  
Beat drum with a sound stick beamed straight to mind find key to box unlock zips and scream the  
words  
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