

up to their obligations. Finally, it is necessary that we bring home our enthusiasm as well as our knowledge from Beijing. We will only achieve equality if we are united and excited.

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<sup>1</sup>Supply management controls supply of the product so that producers and consumers are assured of a stabilized reasonable price with excellent quality. In Canada, eggs, poultry, and dairy are currently governed by supply management. If supply management were lost the economy would suffer tremendously and the direct impact on consumer prices would only be a savings of \$0.50 per \$100 basket of goods (see Bromfield, Jenness, and Justus).  
<sup>2</sup>Single desk selling is the precept of all producers marketing their product collectively through one agency. This agency allows them to share the cost and risk of marketing and returns the profit from marketing their product to the producers. Organized into a large body, they have the power to ask for a higher price than they would receive on the open market. Without single desk selling, producers are price takers on the open market bearing all the risks individually while middlemen retain the profit. The Canadian Wheat Board is an example of single desk selling.

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## FAWZIA AHMAD

### Choice?

I choose to educate today  
I choose?  
What is choice really?  
Choice comes with privilege  
It is not a choice  
It is not a clear choice for me  
Not to challenge racism  
I am brown  
If I do not challenge  
If I do not educate I drown  
I disappear  
I am silenced  
Then how could this really be a choice?  
When I do not speak out  
Against your racism  
Why is my silence taken as acceptance?  
How was my silence choice?  
When I do not challenge it is because  
I am tired  
Sick of it  
Frustrated  
Angry  
Numb  
No, I remain silent because  
I don't really have a choice  
I remain silent because  
You had a choice  
You chose to be silent  
Your silence condones my pain  
I am silent  
In disbelief  
My wounds are from choices that you made  
Choices that came from your privilege  
Choosing not to educate today  
Is my way  
The only way I know  
To survive  
So, tell me something  
Why do you choose not to educate today?

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