

has termed “habitual prostitute users”. Everyday, the same men who buy women also buy children. In fact, the more virginal the child is thought to be, the more men will pay for her. Furthermore, most male buyers don’t care if the female bodies they use are aged 14, 16, 18 or 30.

You can only defend prostitution as “sex work” by making men’s rights to women’s bodies invisible and by segregating *that* group of women as a prostituted class. Is this putting the interests of women at the heart of the approach?

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Monologue

So seldom, so seldom, so
seldom you speak to me now.
A mumble now and then. Where
is our common ground, my son?
O you who live in rarefied
corporate zones.

Rare is the speak of sons.
The look they give you
as if a spy or an enemy lurks.
Do I dare remember?
Do I go on singing
to the infant?
O pitiless reality: a mother’s
strangled scream
of loss.

Let us go then
into madness,
I and you,
my corporate son.

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