

## Afghan Girl

school was your way out  
what horrid fate awaits you?  
Taliban returns

hope fades from your dreams  
your burqa hides your anguish  
your unborn goals snuffed

girls' lives don't matter  
misogyny rules your land  
gender apartheid

mosque-state flogs reason  
theocrats dictate your rights  
Allah's enforcers

Levant's ancient myths  
God's most cruel cult prevailed  
girls' epic bad luck



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At the time of this writing, the Taliban is aggressively reestablishing control in Afghanistan following withdrawal of American forces.

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