## How ironic by Ayaan Harunani

Persecuted for the colour of my skin expectations based on the gender I'm born in Prejudice because of my creed Told to ignore it I will not concede Ironic told to stay quiet in world of freedom of speech Yes our world is filled with care and compassion However it is split into factions scars left by the wounds of our past A shadow that follows never to cease

Racism

Sexism

Discrimination

Intolerance

Learn from our past

Erase the scars

The mistake was to follow, the solution is to evolve

To not fall back into a flawed system

That values one over the other

Because of constructs like gender or skin colour

A world that is constantly evolving

restrained by the past

Ironic

"We must be the change we want to see" The past does not need to dictate our future A skin colour gradient does not define us No longer does a gender register in our society No longer does my creed influence if will succeed Only when these are overcome can we reach our summit Can we reach our peak Only then can we reach this future A world we earned that can be sculpted

The answer so simple To build a world full of care and compassion We must let go of the past and advance How ironic "We must be the change we want to see"