

## **M.I.A.**

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My voice crawls away,

escapes barricades of words

to a safety of silence.

It squeaks by,

bombarded

with questions and orders.

It waves its white flag

before echoes of conversations,

like gunshots in the air.

Hides behind

loaded expressions,

sneaking out

only as a whisper

before it disappears,

buried in trenches of insecurities.

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