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# What If It Was You

what if it was you  
hearing the sound of giggles inside your ears  
as the wind carries the whispers of your misfortunes  
as you passes by  
what if it was you  
climbing mountains you have no clue where they end  
passing rivers with no knowledge of their depth  
walking in the darkness with no hope of a better tomorrow  
what if it was you  
rolling in the dust  
in the middle of the night  
trying to release the pains inside your veins  
walking slowly the path of poverty  
crying aloud  
asking for help  
but no one seems to listen  
what if it was you  
sitting alone in the desert  
trying to search deep in you  
for the gleams of hope  
for a better tomorrow  
just tell me why should it matter  
if i dont have the bling to go with the bliss  
put yourself in my shoes  
and witness my strength  
the courage to push through the spitefullness and hatred of my community  
i think it is then that you will see the power i poses in reality  
i can't help but think how suicidal you will be  
if it was you

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