

We are Marching Because

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We are marching because
Parliament doesn't employ
our sisters as ministers
and sinister lovers
take a wife a week
to the grave.

We are marching
to save
girls being married
too young
and unwilfully

and because
the probability
that we'll be
sexually assaulted
is one in three.

We are marching because
though we have degrees
in business and medicine
men are employed
in our place.

We are marching
to erase
a salary gap
that has women paid
at the same rate
as men
a decade
ago,

Marching to show
solidarity with
women locked up
for not paying fines,

marching against
swines that
commit genital mutilation
and for the advocation
that this cease.

We are marching
for mothers –
who face
regular discrimination
and for every resignation
written during pregnancy.

We are marching
for every
'me too',

me too

marching for the option
to choose

and for every time
we have felt less
than Goddess.

We are here to bless
the divine feminine
within,

to tout the success
of the women
that raised us
and to echo their tenacious feet
on the streets of this town
in resounding agreeance
that we won't back down
until we're equal.