

Violence Against Women

“If it were between countries, we’d call it a war.
If it were a disease, we’d call it an epidemic.
If it were an oil spill, we’d call it a disaster.
But it is happening to women, and it is just an everyday affair.
It is violence against women.
It is sexual harassment at work and sexual abuse of the young.
It is the beating or the blow that millions of women suffer
each and every day.
It is rape at home or on a date. It is murder.
There’s no secret enemy pulling the trigger.
No unseen virus that leads to death.
It is only men. Not all men, but far too many men.....
..... and just who are these men?
Just regular guys.
Men from all social backgrounds and of all colours and ages.
Rich men and poor men, men who toil in the fields
And men who sit behind desks.”

Michael Kaufman
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