

We Are

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*We are of the generation
of women who ventured
beyond boundaries;
who embraced the body,
who relished passion,
who dreamt of justice.*

*We are of the generation
of women who rejected
the narrow limits;
who trampled on conformity,
who spat on subjugation,
who dreamt of freedom.*

*We are of the generation
of women who transgressed
the holy scriptures;
who dared to speak;
who caressed untouchables,
who dreamt of deliverance.*



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*We are of the generation
of women who endured
the punishment;
who wrestled fears,
who defied solitude,
who dreamt of liberation..*

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