## Bourgeosification of the brown nation

Pass! Coconut

like your oreo and apple sisters and brothers

Your accent Your thoughts Your deeds Are aligned with the Oppressor

The Multiculti Oppressor Erases Race Raised South Asian? Raized "Raced" All of us

Many anti-racist strategies exist You have chosen assimilation

When you live your last day Breath your last breath When you assess your life's work What will you tell yourself?

I sold out Traitor to my people

My mortgage paid My housecleaning maid Another woman of colour laid

You could have been her Historical accident Gave you middle class priviledge

You've forgotten your community Aunty Tom! You will die defeated

On your death day You will pray Oh God/dess you'll say Forgive me For I have forgotten my soul My colonized mind showed me the short term Material gains And I won them by stamping on the heads of many Brown black yellow and red And speaking for them When requested to speak to the sunshine white boys as a good lackey Bum licking immigrant

Let's play the game I'll anglosize my name Marry white Christianize my children

So what if the rules aren't explained fully to me I'll just be twice as good Running up hill on the uneven playing field

So I made it I made it rich I made it

reputation

I made me repulsive

Sold out soul Dead from within A hollow coconut Dried out Drained out Finished

Your next life Maybe you'll graduate to a full-fledged white onion

Peel the layers of privilege And the following life You'll be brown again A truly liberated and connected brown woman Who loves her body and her community Who worships connection and liberation Not white skin and what she could get if she had it No more Fresh and Lovely facial bleach Bourgeosification of the brown nation Is complete Until we decolonize our minds, bodies and spirits

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