

Why Don't You Understand?

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Language is supposed to be a **sound**, a **voice**, a **word**, a **sign** that makes the world understand what I am trying to *say*.

Language is supposed to be the **right** I have to call anyone with my own **voice**

But looking back, I see my language is like a child denied of its <u>right</u> to <u>nurse</u> from her own mother

I keep hearing people saying, your mother's milk is **sour**, **bitter**, has **no nutrition** and makes you **unhealthy**

Like a one-month old baby, I say with a loud CRY,

WHY DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

Why don't you understand that

There is **nothing** like my mother's milk

My language has what I need to thrive AND Shine in this world

The formula, the substitute milk you want me to drink **makes** me **look** healthy but it comes at a great price!!!

Yes, the world says I need the formula but my **body** and my **heart knows** I need my mother's milk.

Why don't you understand this is not easy for me?

Why don't you understand my language dilemma???

Link to Performance: https://youtu.be/GMRYBEkS68E



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