

Who says YOU Can't?

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This poem strongly challenges the preconceived notion in society that women are not meant for science or fields related to the science discipline and therefore, do not succeed in them. It gives examples of women from the world over who have made significant, groundbreaking, and novel innovations and contributions in the field of science and related careers, throughout periods of history. They excelled despite the lack of support on the one hand, and widespread opposition from the prevalent society on the other. The poem also throws light on the important fact that from times immemorial almost every civilization has revered women for learning and even worshiped them as goddesses of wisdom and education. It encourages readers to pause and think on these facts. It ends with a motivational note for women to claim their long due and deserved respect, persist, and fight back against the misconceptions regarding women and science, and choose their path with pride. *[Article copies available for a fee from The Transformative Studies Institute. E-mail address: journal@transformativestudies.org Website: <http://www.transformativestudies.org> ©2019 by The Transformative Studies Institute. All rights reserved.]*

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INTRODUCTION

Today when women have yet to earn their deserved respect, where equality, women's liberation are beautiful words on paper, but not in practice, where women work more than men but are paid less, where injustice against women is taken lightly, all educated individuals need to do our part to bring about a radical change in the scenario. Marches, activism, petitions, speaking up, social media posts, having conferences

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