

# The life of Bobbi Lee is about why we must talk

*Natalie Knight*

kinda black

dark

kind tone

light

tan

black

staring at the shot

kid staring

staring

startled camera staring

with a sister      kid

with a sister

staring trance

staring startled

at the shot

with a sister

skin

with a sister

staring trance-like

staring light trance

sister. black

concrete shot through

you. black concrete shot through you.

black concrete shot through sister.

hey sister. black

concrete staring. sister.

menace what a sister.

kid. what a

concrete shot kid.

what a kid.

what a trance to be a kid.

sister. hey sister. hey my light-trance sister.

menace with a sister. with a sister

the menace is concrete.

what a menace sister, what up

brother. what up

iraqi.

*iraqi.*

what a

iraqi

what a iraqi

soldier. what a iraqi

soldier no brother.

no, no brother.

iraqi. iraqi.

iraqi soldier taking the shot.

soldier taking the shot. kid

concrete. black

concrete. black clothing on a sister.

headdress.

headdress. iraqi soldier

headdress.

black clothing black concrete

headdresses.

halos. halos over bodies.

headdresses. halos.

—I hate

headdresses—

halos. halos. iraqi

halos.

black heads. dressed

hoods. black menace

hoods. black

menace iraqi hood. hooded

fury. hooded fury. hood

furry. furry haloed hooded

menace. black head

furry. black

iraqi, iraqi, iraqi

tone. black tone.

shadow tone.

menace tone.

furry.

furry tone.

head furry dressed.

headress furry. ferg furry ferg.

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That's her.

That's her.

That's her.

That's

her. The lady

the woman, her.

That one.

That woman with the high forehead.

That's the lady, uh, woman, uh

lady, her. That there

profile with a high forehead. That

lady. Call it history. Call it  
history profiled there in high  
profile. Forehead. Big foreheads.  
That's her there. That picture there.  
Call it history, call it  
creepy. Call it history.  
Creepy history that lady  
that lady there, right  
there. Uh woman uh lady uh  
person there in the photo profiled  
in sunlight making history trace.  
Tracing history in foreheads.  
That there woman. Creepy foreheads.  
That woman there, that lady  
that lady  
that lady mother  
mother with a high forehead  
\*  
named.  
no.  
Named.  
No named, give named.  
Give names to the sky, to the

sky which takes. It takes.

Give names in friendship

and when it is lost. Give names.

No named, named

sums up the ecstatic state

of our refusal

and love

and love

and love and

love and names

like

Desert Strike Northern Watch Desert Fox Southern Watch Desert Falcon  
Sand Flea, rehearsal for Just Cause Power Pack Linebacker Ranch Hand  
Trail Dust Rolling Thunder Sealords Starlight Sunrise Toucan Able  
Sentry Constable Eastern Exit Tailwind Sharp Edge Shining Express  
Restore Hope New Horizon Secure Democracy Desert Shield Desert  
Storm Determination Record Provide Comfort Homecoming Hastings  
Leap Frog Menu Phoenix Prime Chance Urgent Fury Earnest Will  
Northwoods Evening Light Nimble Archer Peter Pan  
Eagle Claw  
Eager Glacier  
Tomahawk

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No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No. No.

No.

No.

Can't hear you.

Didn't hear you.

Don't want to hear you.

Couldn't hear you.

Don't have to hear you.

Can't hear you.

Won't hear you.

Will not listen.

Won't hear it.

Don't want to hear you.

Will not listen.

Refuse to listen.

Refuse to.

At the PNE

refuse to

at the PNE

will not

at the PNE

close to the rafters  
in the semi-dark  
handin out tissues  
at the PNE  
people at the back  
in the shadows  
at the  
back  
where it smells like nachos  
at the PNE  
the people at the back  
in sweatpants  
in a Carhart jacket  
in high-heeled sneakers—kinda hot—  
at the back  
I see a  
<dreamcatcher>.

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halos and history hurts. Babylift  
Barrel Roll  
Steel Tiger  
Tiger Hound  
Bolo  
Enhance Plus  
Flaming Dart  
Frequent Wind  
Game Warden

black iraqi soldier brother boy

sister, *hey sister*.                      This, this is

a little heavy on the 'T'.

This is passionate

but not very conceptual.

Not very advanced.

Passionate, not very conceptual.

Not very progress.

Not very  
progressive.

Now that summer has receded

I really want to meet progressive people.

progressive  
people.

Now I really want to meet progressive people.

peeps. progressive peeps. prog peeps. *progs*.

Now that I self ID I meet them. I want  
to meet them. I want to meet  
them. I am drawn to meet them.

I really am drawn to progress

to progs

to aggression

to people

to light-tranced sisters. hey sister.

hey prog.