

Male Voice: He's on the stage.

[crowd chanting]

Together: We're just a little too caught up in the way the world sees us,

Jewish Girl: And the way my people see yours,

Muslim Girl: And the way my people see yours,

Together: And the way our people see ourselves.

Jewish Girl: In 1996, a Jewish girl was born, with the Shabbat candles glistening in her eyes.

Muslim Girl: In 1996, a Muslim girl was born, with the Adhan ringing in her ears.

Together: She only knew of her own, um

Muslim Girl: Jumu'ah,

Jewish Girl: Kabbalat Shabbat,

Muslim Girl: Nasheeds,

Jewish Girl: Z'mirot,

Muslim Girl: Allah,

Jewish Girl: Adonai.

Together: She never noticed

Muslim Girl: That Jewish girl

Jewish Girl: That Muslim girl

Together: holding the same needles and threads that she did.

Muslim Girl: So in quilted generations from stitches and calloused palms of their past

Jewish Girl: Friday prayers

Muslim Girl: Religious songs

Together: Like, God, we are both birthed from resilience, yet raised by assumptions

Jewish Girl: This Jewish girl

Muslim Girl: Muslim girl

Together: Only heard:

Muslim Girl: Dirty money.

Jewish Girl: Oppressive husbands.

Muslim Girl: Big-nosed banker.

Jewish Girl: Suspicious terrorist.

Muslim Girl: Gas chamber.

Jewish Girl: Go back home!

Muslim Girl: But--but it's 2013,

Together: Right?

Jewish Girl: So all that's done.

Together: Right? So why is it that every time

Jewish Girl: A penny falls, I'm assumed to be the one to pick it up? Stealing from every man's pocket,

Together: And every time

Muslim Girl: The airport security check line moves forward, I'm the one who's pulled aside and patted down?

Jewish Girl: We both look discrimination in the eye.

Muslim Girl: We both live in a country that swears up and down that all people are equal.

Together: Our hands should be caught together, fists raised as one, fighting against the stereotype that this country has put upon my people.

Jewish Girl: In Habron, a 14-year-old Palestinian girl was killed when a Jewish settler shot a bullet into her right eye. She'll never get to witness her holy land come back to her.

Muslim Girl: In Herzliya, a 14-year-old Israeli girl was killed by a Palestinian pipe bomb. She was just trying to eat her dinner at her favorite restaurant by the beach.

Jewish Girl: We are told to stay within the confines of our religion,

Muslim Girl: Of our tradition,

Jewish Girl: As if a young Palestinian girl's life ended by Israeli gunfire

Muslim Girl: Is worth any more or less than a young Israeli girl's life ended by a Palestinian pipe bomb.

Jewish Girl: This world would rather chew up and spit out our history than help these two girls

Muslim Girl: That could have been us.

Jewish Girl: This world has devoured our past,

Muslim Girl: But how quickly it forgets

Together: You are what you eat.

Jewish Girl: See, this Jewish girl

Muslim Girl: And this Muslim girl

Together: Are for more similar than our religions would like us to believe, because I betcha didn't realize

Jewish Girl: That we have the same favorite movies,

Muslim Girl: And that we both love

Together: Hummus! And we keep being asked the same damn questions every time we fall head over heels:

Jewish Girl: Is he a respectable Muslim boy?

Muslim Girl: Jewish boy?

Jewish Girl: Did you meet him at the mosque?

Muslim Girl: The synagogue?

Jewish Girl: That little Palestinian girl

Muslim Girl: And that little Israeli girl

Together: Will never get to be asked these questions,

Jewish Girl: Never get to discover that they have the same favorite movies,

Muslim Girl: Or whether they were both gonna become poets,

Together: Performing on stages like this one,

Jewish Girl: And we may not have either,

Muslim Girl: Had we let the way the world sees us get in our way.

Together: We are connected. We are one.

Jewish Girl: Like Adonai.

Muslim Girl: Like Allah.

Together: Like God.

[crowd cheering]

There may be small errors in this transcript.