

Too Nice

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They say that I'm too nice
Like it's such a bad thing to be too nice
It is when they make claims and place blame

"The reason you were victimized
Was because you were just too nice
And you smiled at him once or twice"
As if I can't smile without welcoming danger

"You're just too nice
Did you even fight?
Did you ask him to leave?
Did you scream?"
No this isn't your sick fantasy rape scene
Not all abuse look anything like this

Like when your friend just won't stop asking
"Come on you know we both want it"
Even after you've said no
Then they take what they want
As you lay there emotionless

When you tell them over and over
You don't want to do anything
But they won't stop touching you
No matter how many times you pull away

I didn't know it was a curse to be too nice
And by being too nice to others
I'd be welcoming in the not so nice
The ones who will abuse, take advantage and victimize

"Why would you still be so nice
It's like you're asking to be victimized"
Forced and coerced
Like it hasn't happened before

When will you ever learn
You can't be nice to everyone
Or you'll end up hurt or maybe even dead
Since some see kindness as weakness

"Don't be too nice or it'll happen again
You're better off being a bitch to them"
But then there's a higher chance to get hit
It seems like I just can't win