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PERFECT IN SILENCE

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“Calladita te ves más bonita”
Sure, silence is both beautiful yet harmful, you see.

When you’re silent in class, you’re seen
as a “prodigy”.
When you’re silent with family,
you’re not a “problem child”.
When you’re silent in a relationship, you’re
the “easy kind”.

When you speak in class, you’re
“disruptive”.
When you speak with family, you’re
“disrespectful” to your elders.
When you speak in a relationship,
“you’re jealous”.

What is this double standard?
Oh, it’s being a brown woman.

c/s