

"If it were between countries, we'd call it a war.
If it were a disease, we'd call it an epidemic.
If it were an oil spill, we'd call it a disaster.
But it is happening to women,
and it's just an everyday affair.
It is violence against women.

It is sexual harassment at work
and sexual abuse of the young.
It is the beating or the blow
that millions of women suffer each and every day.
It is rape at home or on a date.
It is murder.

There's no secret enemy pulling the trigger.
No unseen virus that leads to death.
It is only men.

Not all men, but far too many men
and just who are these men?
Just regular guys.
Men from all social backgrounds
and of all colours and ages.
Rich men and poor men,
men who toil in the fields
and men who sit behind desks."

Michael Kaufman, Founder member of The White Ribbon Campaign