## The Rat Eaters

## **Byzantine**

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Trapped by a system that heralds discrimination
Underneath an unclean sun your caste will be revealed
Wallow in servility your branded the Musahar
Toiling while the hours pass so slowly like drifting dust

Held by laws obscene by all is our unfortunate gift to the worl d

Victims of a religion that blackens me as my neighbors' slave Bodies filled with poverty burns slow above the fire Violence from the provocation of shadows touching higher castes

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