

Man's Laughter or Manslaughter?

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A Poem of all the times he Laughed at me

I was conceived and man laughed,
 Trying to find a way to make this problem
 Go away, and man did not succeed
 I was born and man laughed.
 I could not breathe,
 My skin was purple,
 And they were hoping I wouldn't make it,
 Yet here I am today.
 I could not eat, and man laughed at me.
 My body rejected the milk from the one who birthed me
 And notice I didn't call her mother
 Because she never was.
 I got hip dysplasia and man laughed at me;
 The bones of my tiny body not in place.
 Why couldn't you just keep my legs in their brace?
 I became a sister of three and man laughed.
 I was not a good example,
 So do not pay attention to me!
 I caused a divorce and man laughed at me.
 He was never around, and
 She worked all year round.
 I was abused at nine and man laughed at me.
 "She's so terrible; her own parents hate her."
 "Yeah, one beats her and the other mistreats her."
 They all say as they keep laughing at me.
 I was kissed on the hand and man laughed at me.
 "She's never going to be with a man
 Because she will marry a woman."
 But I didn't understand until 2019.
 I was raped and man laughed at me.
 "She is telling lies," they all said, and
 Nobody ever believed her. They stood and gawked as I
 shrunk down

I felt the pain of a thousand knives as they joked and laughed.
 I had rumors spread and man laughed at me.
 Like what the fuck? I'm not even there!
 Hell, even my supposed family laughed
 Thinking it was fucking hilarious.
 I tried killing myself and man laughed at me.
 "It's all for show, I mean she laughs and smiles every day,"
 They would say, not knowing I would cry every night.
 They didn't know I slept with a knife well hidden under
 my pillow.

I fell in love with a woman and man laughed at me.
 This time I was not phased because I was immune.
 I pulled her close as I whispered "I love You,"
 And she proposed I kissed her dainty lips.
 Man's laughter almost ended me,
 But now I form my hand into a fist and held it high.
 Then I slowly raised my middle finger
 to flip off the world.
 All man has ever done is laugh at me.
 Woman, on the other hand, has loved me.
 I love a woman who holds my heart and is my other part.
 1 thousand miles away, I cannot wait until the day I hold her
 in my arms.

I do not trust man since they've always laughed at me.
 With her I can conquer the world
 With the love of my life
 Who will someday become my wife!