

HOW TO SPELL ABOLITION

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for Africa first as alpha & omega & origin & end all & be all & who is all of us



for our beloved banker ladies doing better than the big banks who tenderize our flesh / make our blood legal tender



for all the outcries of my kin who gave & gave & are still waiting to be given but who have decided to give one another another life through love



for all the lives unloved & lessened & eventually lost in prison while trying to learn life lessons



for increases to school breakfast programs over police budgets as a way to reach our so-called troubled youth



for troubling the waters of theory when it's too late to theorize the housing crisis with so many lives on the line



for indigenous forms of finance preceding the greed of settler generations & incredibly thriving



for owning my mind & knowing my words have currency / speak abundance



for no one should be left behind



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