



Please be aware, this poem contains reference to sexual abuse and rape.

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.

Michael Kaufman - White Ribbon Campaign 1991

