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Pussy hat, pussy hat  
What makes you purr?  
Five million people worldwide  
Protesting 45's fuckery.

## Neocolonial

(for my fellow Filipino Americans who voted for Trump)

Our nationalist movement squashed,  
kidnapped then beaten into accepting the imperialist's  
racist wet dream,

After 100 years

You know the rules and how to win the game:

You vote Republican, pay your taxes, and firmly believe in  
the wall and the ban.

You expect no handouts

You're sure you have the right culture, values and attitude  
unlike those *other minorities*.

You're clearly an asset—you speak English!

But have you looked in the mirror lately?

Your politics may say "white"

but your skin reads: illegal/terrorist/unwanted/inferior

Ate,<sup>1</sup>

There's no seat for us at Uncle Sam's table

We're just here

to be the diversity in the photo op

to serve and clean,

smiling,

always smiling, submissive

grateful houseboys, nannies, maids, sex workers

model minorities

They'll ban us

deport us

intern us

kill us

as fast as they can whistle Dixie.

Isn't it time we stopped doing the white man's work?

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<sup>1</sup> Tagalog for Auntie, elder sister.

## **Hubris**

It's almost as if you know they're  
not  
really yours

The way you keep  
demanding your  
ownership of  
asserting your  
dominion over  
    the land  
    the water  
    women's bodies  
    the will of the people.

What will you claim next—the air?

Just know  
The gods are watching...

## Humpty Drumpfty

Donald Drumpf felt so small  
Donald Drumpf wanted a wall  
But all Bannon's horses  
and all McConnell's men  
Couldn't do fucking squat  
So they subcontracted to some nice Mexican dudes  
    down at the Home Depot.  
Kellyanne insisted they were vetted and legal.  
And they did a great job—fast too.  
But it sure was strange how that sturdy wall  
seemed to move  
a few feet north  
day after day.  
Pretty soon there were two, even three, taco trucks  
    on every corner  
and good *panaderias* in every town,  
everyone speaking fluent Spanish  
all the way up to the Canadian border.  
But *that* border seemed to have migrated south--  
    Did Canada use those same guys?  
The U.S. was gone, it seemed.  
Good riddance.

Ding, dong, dell  
Donny's in the well.  
Who put him there?  
The people, motherfuckers.  
The people.

**Artist Statement: Melinda Luisa de Jesús**

I was born and raised in Pennsylvania; my parents were emigrants from the Philippines. Growing up brown in a predominantly white steel town has shaped me in ways I'm constantly exploring in my writing. I identify primarily as a feminist of color. Professionally I teach and write about critical race theory, girlhood and monsters. I'm also a classically-trained mezzo-soprano who dreams of singing in a funk band, an Aquarian, and a mother of two. I drink hard liquor and love Hello Kitty.

I believe, as did the ancients, that a poem can change the world.

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