

At War with Ourselves - 400 Years of You

TEXT EXCERPT:

You are given 10 square feet of space to live and 3 vertical inches of air to breathe. Ankle iron is ordained for your frontal & temporal lobes. Their one desire: your black body in endless service

& performance. You are the new country's newest moving picture show and they will never be disinterested in what your arms, legs, lips, can do on their well-lit screens. The rest of you,

the ravishing wondrous veiled interior: the midnight calculations of your mother, every smoky algorithm your father ever dreamed, will be, right from the start, thrown overboard.

- Nikky Finney

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