

# SHARZOD HOSSEINI

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## MULLAHCRACTY

I am not nostalgic for,  
a home I do not know,  
or know partially through memories,  
of conversations over dinner tables.

I am not wanting to fight,  
to undo all these laws of liberty,  
to negate the rights of women,  
to refute a democratic system,  
in which the majority rules.

There is not one part of me,  
not one small segment of me,  
that wants a global jihad,  
against a democratic regime,  
or 'way of life'.

Don't talk to me about people smugglers,  
or about fundamentalism and dogmatism,  
or women's oppression and the right to choose,  
don't talk to me about 'that country',  
like I had a helping hand,  
in the Mullahcracy.

Don't take away my title of feminist,  
right when I need it the most.