

# Try To Change the Mutilated World

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*Try to praise the mutilated world.*

—Adam Zagajewski

Try to change the mutilated world.  
Of course, you feel powerless.  
Of course, you wonder how far  
Your voice will go. Of course, you despair.  
Nothing changes until it does.  
You must change the mutilated world.  
Of course, you want to live in peace.  
Of course, good yourself, you believe  
The world is our spotless source, but  
Ask those profiled, tortured, cleansed, slain,  
And they will tell you: It is not.  
You should change the mutilated world.  
Of course, you are not blameless.  
Of course, you are privileged.  
Of course, you are too proud.  
Of course, you like to sing, not demonstrate.  
But you must change the mutilated world.  
You have no choice: you must  
Love and suffer and prophesize and act  
Or else mutilate.