



4-1-2024

Hello, This Is

Victoria Stevens
University of the Pacific

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/calliope>



Part of the [Poetry Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Stevens, Victoria (2024) "Hello, This Is," *Calliope*: Vol. 53, Article 38.

Available at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/calliope/vol53/iss1/38>

This Poem is brought to you for free and open access by the College of the Pacific Journals at Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Calliope by an authorized editor of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact mgibney@pacific.edu.

Hello, This Is

VICTORIA
STEVENS

Hello, this is...

What are the rights offered to the
Citizens? Are they many?
Are they few?
*We have more freedom than
The rest of the world, though.*
Is that even true? Is that what people
Believe? What of the autonomy
Of women? Those that are slowly,
Yet quickly being stripped of their
Choices in mind, body, and soul.
What of people's right to adequate
Healthcare? Why must it be so
Expensive to receive the simplest
Of care? How about the right of
The natural world to exist? Or will It
continuously be cut down, trampled on,
To create more housing that so many
Cannot afford? Even further, how
Are you capable of showcasing yourself As

a victor as you try to hide your shadowed
Truth? The people you enslaved,
Indentured, beat, raped, killed, *used*.
Natives,
Africans,
Filipinos,
Vietnamese,
Mexicans,
Chinese,
Japanese,
And the list goes on and on. How
can you exist, this country that
Insures and *strives* for "domestic
Tranquility," fail at its original job.
Do you see this as peace?
Do you think this your beloved
Liberty?
Is this your idea of prosperous?
This promised land you painted
Only exists for some. It has only
Ever existed for some.
Hello, this is America.
A stolen land
Built on lies and half-truths. Try
not to overstay your welcome.