

## Female monologue for 2019 ABFF STAR PROJECT

Source: For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf

Character: **Lady In Red** (as written by Ntozake Shange)

### "SORRY"

*~The lady in red spoke this poem in "For Colored Girls"*

"One thing I don't need  
is any more apologies  
I got sorry greetin' me at my front door  
you can keep yours.  
I don't know what to do wit em  
they don't open doors  
or bring the sun back.  
They dont make me happy  
or get a mornin' paper  
didn't nobody stop usin my tears to wash cars.  
Cuz a sorry  
I am simply tired  
of collecting  
I didn't know  
I was so important to you  
I'm gonna haveta throw some away  
I can't get to the clothes in my closet  
for alla the sorries.  
I'm gonna tack a sign to my door  
leave a message by the phone  
'if you called  
to say your sorry  
call somebody  
else!  
I don't use em anymore'  
I let sorry/ didn't meanta/ & how could I know about that?  
Take a walk down a dark & musty street in brooklyn!  
I'm gonna do exactly what I want to  
& I won't be sorry for none of it!  
Letta sorry soothe your soul/ I'm gonna soothe mine!  
You were always inconsistent  
doin' somethin & then bein sorry  
beatin' my heart to death!  
Talkin' bout you sorry well,  
I will not call,  
I'm not goin' to be nice,  
I will raise my voice,

& scream & holler  
& break things & race the engine  
& tell all your secrets about yourself to your face  
& I will list in detail every one of my wonderful lovers  
& their ways I will play Oliver Lake loud!  
& I won't be sorry for none of it  
I LOVED YOU ON PURPOSE,I WAS OPEN ON PURPOSE!  
I still crave vulnerability & close talk  
& I'm not even sorry bout you bein sorry!  
you can carry all the guilt & grime ya wanna  
just dont give it to me!  
I can't use another sorry  
next time  
you should admit  
you're mean/ low-down/ triflin/ & no count straight out  
insteda bein' sorry alla the time  
enjoy bein' YOURSELF"