

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"