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A Sign of the Times

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I overheard a man say
'yeah, it's fashionable now
to say you've been abused'
He spoke of a court case
A man incarcerated

I want to punch him
To scream in his face
Make him understand
An image popped into my mind
A victim of abuse

Trying to be fashionable
Wanting so much to be fashionable
That they made stuff up
I thought fashion meant
sashaying down a catwalk

You know, fashion, clothes,
pretty things, those things
Sashay now, Sashay away
I didn't think it meant
being raped