**Emulation Poem Example**

**What's That Smell in the Kitchen?**

By Marge Piercy

All over America women are burning dinners.
It's lamb chops in Peoria; it's haddock
in Providence; it's steak in Chicago;
tofu delight in Big Sur; red
rice and beans in Dallas.
All over America women are burning
food they're supposed to bring with calico
smile on platters glittering like wax.
Anger sputters in her brainpan, confined
but spewing out missiles of hot fat.
Carbonized despair presses like a clinker
from a barbecue against the back of her eyes.
If she wants to grill anything, it's
her husband over a slow fire.
If she wants to serve him anything
it's a dead rat with a bomb in its belly
ticking like the heart of an insomniac.
Her life is cooked and digested
nothing but leftovers in Tupperware.
Look, she says, once I was roast duck
on your platter with parsley but now I am Spam.
Burning dinner is not incompetence but war.

**What’s Behind the Rise in Anti-Asian Violence?**

**The Sleeping Dragon Has Awoken**

**By Lisa Wu**

All throughout American history, Asians have been attacked and killed.

It’s the Chinese Massacre of 1871 in L.A.; it’s [“Who Killed Vincent Chin?”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_rwnyM1vtE) in Detroit in 1982; it’s [a family stabbed in a Texas Sam’s Club in 2020](https://www.newsnationnow.com/us-news/southwest/victim-of-anti-asian-attack-at-texas-sams-club-reflects-a-year-into-pandemic/); an 84-year-old grandfather pushed to the ground and to his death in San Fran 2021; six women shot in an Atlanta spa in 2021.

All over America, Asians are being reminded that we are outsiders, perpetual foreigners in our own country.

Senseless acts of aggression and violence are perpetrated against us; we are treated as second class citizens, as less than human; like being banned from the U.S. in the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882; like being interned in concentration camps in WWII, [like our elders being attacked on the sidewalks of San Fran, NYC, Oakland, and Brooklyn](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yh4tnpagu2g), like being assaulted and dragged from a United Airlines seat, like being punched, beaten, and bloodied on the NYC subway.

Scapegoated for the crises facing our nation like being the target of an incompetent president’s rants about the “China Virus” and “Kung Flu.”

Anger, disbelief, acceptance, and silence phase through our consciousness but no more.

If we keep quiet, it’s only going to get worse.

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If we speak loudly, it’s to call out what it is: RACISM.

If we take to the streets, it’s to protest -- Stop AAPI Hate.

If we write our stories, it’s to demand a reckoning.

[If we teach our history, it is a beginning.](https://twitter.com/nowthisnews/status/1374101829001252866?lang=en)

Our lives will not be shaped into your model minority myth used to pit us against other POC.

United, vocal, organized, radicalized, we refuse to be invisible.

We are Chinese, Japanese, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Indian, Cambodian, Thai, Vietnamese, Koreans; We refuse to be hyphenated; We refuse to be conquered and divided; We are a coalition; We are Asians; We are Americans.

Look, we say, once you granted us membership to the club, but now we will no longer be your model minority; you can’t pit us against other POC.

Look, we say, you can try to contain us in your model minority myth, but we will rise up as the mythical dragon – powerful, woke.

**The sleeping dragon has awoken.**