

Those Words You Use

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You sit
There, on
Your bus seat
Chatting
So nonchalantly
While simultaneously
Running
Your long
Manicured fingers
Through your
Shiny
Straightened
Hair
So obsessed
With the frivolous
So silently demanding
And so
Unaware

Should I bother
To tell you
That those words you use
So eagerly
So casually
While gossiping
With your
Glamorous
Girlfriends
That those words you use
Are so
Out of place
Rolling off your
Young
Naïve
Tongue
So effortlessly
As if
They don't
Mean anything

Those words you use
Although it is

Not always your intention
Nevertheless
They inflict pain, in some
Varied form

Those words you use
That you hurl from yourself
With great velocity
Great power
Hidden within
The casualty of your voice

Those words you use
Those words you use
Are fighting words
And you will never
Fully understand the
Meaning of
Those words you use