

# I HOPE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME

I have a slight stutter. It comes and goes. It's worse if I'm talking to new people, or if I really know what I'm talking about and get overexcited. It doesn't help that I grew up in a household with 3 different dialects, none of which I was allowed to use in school. The English I spoke was learnt through a collection of British and American movies, heavy local accents from teachers, and metal songs that I could hardly understand. This will all seem trivial to the geniuses who know six languages, but I only knew two, and I had a stutter in both. When I tried to make sure I wasn't stuttering, I mumbled, and in the process 'What?' became my most heard day to day word. But does that mean I don't express my feelings and opinions, or I keep my thoughts bottled up because of the ever dreaded 'What'? Well, no. Over the years, I have come up with my own mechanism of pauses and thoughtful beard-stroking to make people understand me better, and it feels like my process worked. I think finding a voice is an ever evolving process, and that applies as much to generations and collectives as it does to individuals. I wonder if we could just wait and let that happen.

— Azmin Azran, Sub-editor, SHOUT



## MIXTAPE

### VERSES

**FLEET FOXES**

White Winter Hymnal



**BLACKSTREET**

No Diggity



**DEPECHE MODE**

Enjoy the Silence



**THIRD DAY FEAT. HARVEST**

Your Words



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Arsonist's Lullaby



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# THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

## ARIES

Irk the child, it shall cry. Irk the man, its heart shall wail.



## TAURUS

"Tomorrow's news today" is a great tagline for your fake news website.



## GEMINI

D'artagnan is a name I'm not sure you can pronounce.



## CANCER

Orbiting me are you, the circle, while I am the point in the middle.



## LEO

Ether is real if you're a chemist, but it's ethereal if you're a physicist.



## VIRGO

Seen walking by the pool, was a man wanting to be a fish.



## LIBRA

Never have I ever believed in star signs and horoscopes.



## SCORPIO

The Timurid Empire, at its height, was only as tall as its tallest person.



## SAGITTARIUS

Grasslands and deserts, tundras and hills, today the world is uneven.



## CAPRICORN

Rafael Nadal's biceps, rhombuses are nice shapes.



## AQUARIUS

Opposite day is every day for people living in opposite world.



## PISCES

What did you think they were going to say? It's not that.

