Marie-Lynn Hammond "Period Piece"

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Well we all know our poor planet is quite close to disappearing

under tons and tons of poisonous manmade shit and ecologists are daily trying hard to find solutions so together we can do our best to rescue it weve got ozone holes and PCBs, acid rain and DDT, toxins and dioxins and nuclear waste and now some clever souls discovered yet another problem

though some think that to discuss it is in quite poor taste

But that has never stopped me in the past so I will tell you

that it has to do with women and our physiology and those tampons, pads, and plastic applicators that are

monthly blocking sewers, clogging landfills and polluting the sea.

so now someone has invented a reusable pad made of cotton rather like the rags of grandmothers day and I guess you stash the soiled ones in a bag inside your purse

until youre home and have a chance to rinse the bloody mess away

Well my head says, oh how noble but my gut says not another thing

Im supposed to find the time for when my times in short supply

I mean I compost, I recycle, I keep worms that eat my garbage

I sew little bags to carry home the bulk foods that I buy and we women still do more than half the housework not to mention

stuff engendered by our gender that you men will never know

like morning sickness, thirty-hour labours, hysterectomies,

caesarians and killer cramps and heavy monthly flow

But we really must do something cuz were talking those big E words now Environment, Ecology, Earth in her time of need besides giving up disposables can only bring relief, I mean its got so I feel guilty every single time I bleed yes Im ready for reusable pads on one condition - that the labour be divided fairly and therefore since we women have no choice ab

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