“Citizen,” by Claudia Rankine

The title poem from the book of poetry that won the 2014 Pulitzer Prize.

The poem’s opening: “You are in the dark, in the car, watching the black-tarred street being swallowed by speed; he tells you his dean is making him hire a person of color when there are so many great writers out there.

You think maybe this is an experiment and you are being tested or retroactively insulted or you have done something that communicates this is an okay conversation to be having….”

continue reading: <http://www.theartdivas.com/2014/10/from-citizen-by-claudia-rankine.html>

For an excellent essay from the Dec. 24 2014 *New York Times Sunday Book Review* on Rankine and her book, see

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/28/books/review/claudia-rankines-citizen.html?action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=c-column-middle-span-region&region=c-column-middle-span-region&WT.nav=c-column-middle-span-region>