"I wish I could take a shovel and shovel food down there" "I wish someone would tell me to eat more" No You don't understand How your actions are crippled By the dictating voice Telling me to eat Doesn't just 'fix' things If I couldn't hear I doubt you'd tell me to listen So please be patient

"You need to get over this" "You're 20 years old" I'm sorry I can't snap out of it If I could, don't you think I would? Comments can be triggering and hurtful I know you didn't mean it But those words carry weight Cause more damage than I'd like to admit

"Is that a part of your training regime?" Making my younger self suddenly question my decision With the choice I made at the restaurant I played it off but I felt humiliated Maybe this is their way of saying I should watch what I eat If I want to be good, this must be the way

So please Do the people around you a favor And filter your words surrounding touchy subjects Because you don't have to have an eating disorder to be triggered But words can put ideas in anyone's head And jumpstart bad habits

Some comments said that take all of 3 seconds to say

Have stayed with me for years Replaying in my head Making me relive the feelings I felt in those moments Making the emotions from those moments come alive again A constant reminder of what words can do

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