



Elena Curnyn (SFSU 2022)

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(Gabriella Sarmiento Wilson)
Filipina and African American

BORN: June 27, 1997 (Vallejo, California)

MAJOR HONORS/AWARDS: Multi-Grammy Award winner for Best R&B Song, Performance, and Album * Multiple awards from Apple Music, BET Awards, Soul Train Music Awards, and MTV Video Music Awards * 2022 Children’s and Family Emmy Awards for Outstanding Short Form Program, “We the People” * Academy Awards, 2021 Best Original Song, “Fight for You” * 2020 iHeartRadio Music Awards Artist of the Year * 2019 NAACP Image Awards, Outstanding Female

MORE THAN A SONG: “I Can’t Breathe” (2020) expresses the pain, anger, and frustration after the death of George Floyd:

I can't breathe
You're taking my life from me
I can't breathe
Will anyone fight for me?