

To All You "Straight" Queers Out There

You don't know me as the guy who appreciates woman so much that I adore their womanhood, even to the point that I try to emulate them in every way. You see me in a dress and immediately feel that masculinity is diametrically opposed to femininity. Yes, you feel an imbalance that I don't. And you have the audacity to say you are "straight"?!

To make it easier on yourself with your callous misunderstanding you label me a "queer". And I don't know if I should take that as an insult or a compliment. If being a queer means being different from those of your narrow mindedness then a queer I happily am. I'm not afraid of homosexuality, even though I'm heterosexual, and I'm not afraid of myself. You see, to me you're the "queer".

It seems strange to me that you think your macho image of treating girls as sex conquests could be attractable to them. How queer! It seems strange to me that you view girls as being beneath you, so low that it disgusts you to consider wearing anything they wear. How queer!

It seems strange to me that you view the kind, tenderness so typical of the gay person to be a threat to your image of power and glory. How queer to think power is void of kindness! How queer to repress feelings of tenderness! How queer to judge sex as bad if it's done any other way than the way you do it! How queer to invoke the Bible on your side, which admonishes us to not judge others but to love one another, saying there is now fear in love!

How queer to be afraid of yourself and think it normal! How queer to glorify your own fears, manipulating others to be just as afraid as yourself! How queer to assert justice is for all, while wishing to deprive it from others with differences you do not understand! How queer to view these differences as being abnormal, while assuming your anxiety is normal! How queer that you expect others to lower themselves to your lack of understanding, because you cannot see how life and liberty is for all! What part of all don't you understand?

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