

“Dear World”

Dear world,
I'm gay.
I know, I know,
This perfect girl
Isn't so perfect anymore
And believe me
Each day I go and fight my own war
It's hard to be yourself
When it feels like it's wrong
And it's hard to find my voice
When my voice doesn't belong
And it might seem kind of stupid
But it's not only me
Pain is written in our past
It builds our history
In 1969
In the Stonewall Inn
That was our only place of safety
It was treated like a sin
What makes you believe
That we are all not real?
Because we have our own thoughts?
Because we've learned how to feel?
Our first support group was made
By a man, Henry Gerber
He stood for what's real
He stood for what we were
And I know you are people
Of tradition and fate
And you never liked change
And so this one you'll hate
But it's not really change
It's just becoming more...me
And for the first time in my life
I really feel free.
You say Jesus loves all
And kind words he'd applaud
Yet you said he hates gays
So which one's your god?
Because the one in the bible
That you claim frowns on me

Is the one people look at
For love and safety
And I know you have an image
Of me in your heart
Pretty, perfection
Straight, silly, smart
Which is why I've held back
Coming out for this long
Because you treat gay like it's bad
Treat me like it's wrong
I've been told over and over
Tomorrow will have no fear
I've heard a life of time of 'tomorrows'
Yet tomorrow's never here
Because if tomorrow brings change
Then we're stuck in an endless today
And as hard as we may try
We can't seem to get away
We've always been on the outside
Ignored, shut out too
But the real question is
What are you going to do?
'Cause it's 2019
And it's time to make change
And finally equality
Has come back into range
And I see you use gay
As an insult online
And even in person
And you think that it's fine
Maybe if all gays were dying
Because no one allowed it
Maybe you'd finally stand up
And do something about it!
So why is being gay
The only thing taunted by you?
Because if gays really that bad
then straight should be, too