

## ***What is love?***

Love is different for you and I  
Love isn't what society tells us  
Love doesn't tell you who to be

Love is about what you perceive and what I believe

Love isn't gender  
Love isn't sexuality  
Love isn't labels

But since you made it hard for me to breathe for being me  
Words were created so you can box me  
But your words that cage are too small and simple to explain me  
Your words slurs and labels could never  
tame me

Words: slurs labels & cages are just  
the same thing

Who are you to try and shame me?  
How dare you say it's all because of him!  
Stop blaming him for your projection  
That's a SIN

Cishet woman  
I am not your "SIS" MS.  
I am not your accessory  
Yeah I know girl you "live" for me  
But where's that energy when the men in your life are dissing me? (and my community?)  
"Yaasssss girlin "me up until you have the opportunity to defend me  
Girl you ain't foolin me 🙌  
I need an ally not a standby

WE need an ally not a standby

Imposter syndrome  
You think just like them  
Sleeping with the enemy  
did the fact that we share the same enemy  
ever cross your mind

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Tell the truth  
You're so blind  
\*Girl You ain't safe\*  
Crazy how that exposes you  
You just as guilty as them  
so sad  
You got blood on your hands

I know my lifestyle intimidates you  
But the reality is  
I'm REALER THAN YOU  
Boo

Machismo the least manliest man of them all  
What a bawl 😂  
You stand up tall throwing gay around as an insult  
Immature Scared and scarred is all that you are  
So afraid of your feminine energy you leave others scarred

So worried about how you're seen leading you to the crime scene  
Why are you so pressed and in distress whenever I wear my dress ?!  
Your privilege and bigotry is what I LAY to rest  
R.I.P  
Stop killing \*me\*s 🏳️‍🌈  
Where's the justice for me?!

I was born this way  
I don't control Who I am  
I embrace Who I am  
I am The goddess of all things

& That bothers you  
But that has nothing to do with me and has everything to do with you  
Projection at its finest  
YET AGAIN

Stop fearing me and start hearing me!  
LISTEN heal embrace all that you are  
That'll cure the hate you have in your heart

*What is love?*

Love is a connection between souls  
A connection that is everything but wrong

Love is LOVE<3

- *Arieana*

Below is picture of me and friends the night I performed this poem at an open mic:



*BFF:He/they*

*Me-Arieana she/her*

*Sister:she/her*