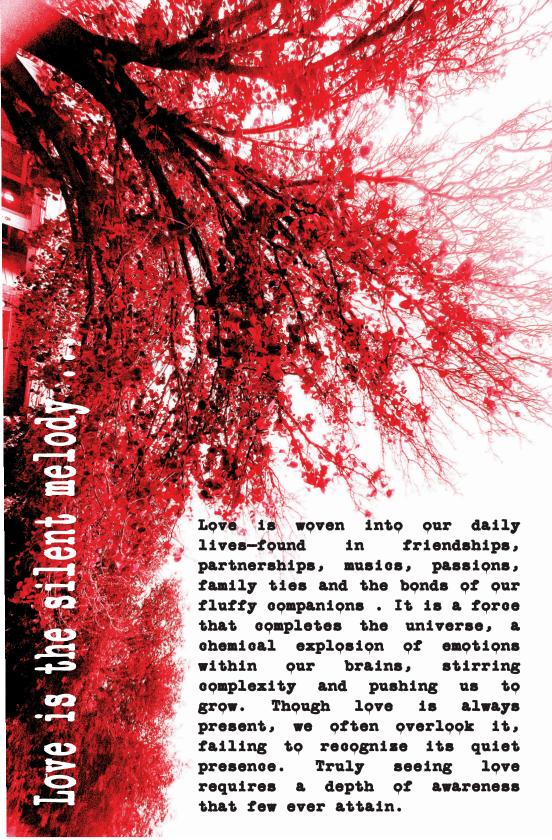
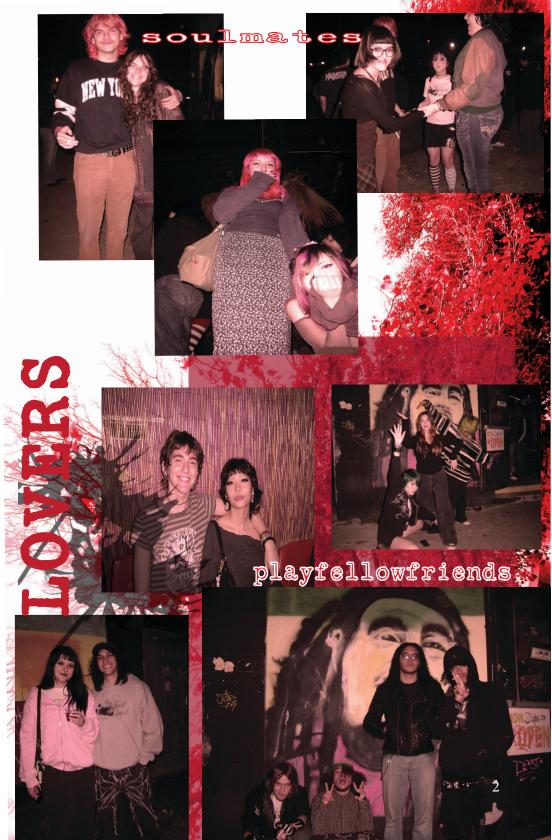
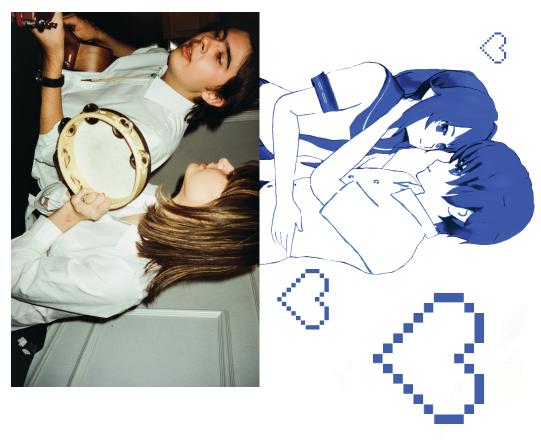


## Love

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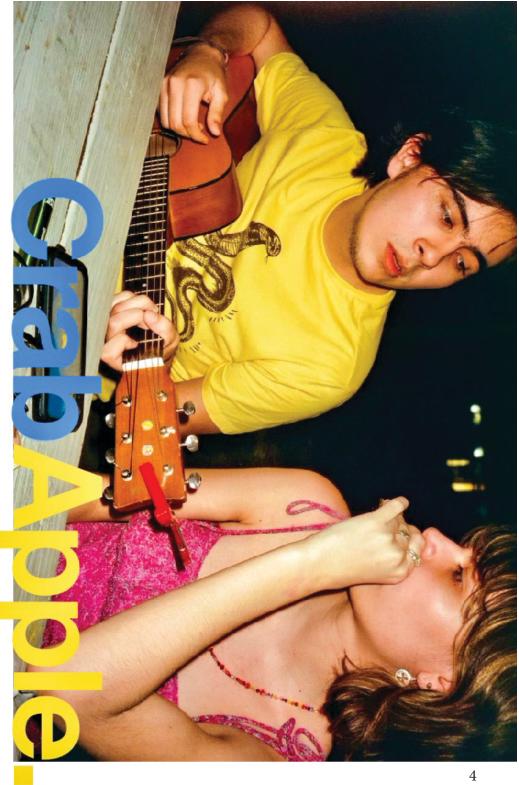








Evermore.

















a tell-all interview with San Antonio's party girl who made lesbian history with "Dyke Nite"

by Ash H.

It's 12:26 pm on Valentine's Day and Venus picks up. She excuses herself for running fashionably late because she was smoking a cigarette. She laughs, and her tooth gem sparkles.

### What was your "gay awakening"?

\*Laughing\*. Oh god, where do I even begin? I would have to say the one episode in Steven Universe where two gems run to each other after being seperated. After watching it I ran to a mirror and looked at my reflection saying "I am gay. I am gay." over and over again. And it felt right and I couldn't stop laughing.

## What was your experience of coming to terms with your queerness like?

I was annoyingly gay in middle school. Seriously. I used to just tell people I was gay and loved talking about it. I dated boys and identified as bisexual for a while. It wasn't until I was older when I was able to be openly gay again. I realized I was still a lesbian, and it was like going back to square one.

### How did "Dyke Nite" start?

I had some experience with putting together events. I started hosting poetry nights, writing workshops, and more at Zen Haus in St. Paul's Square. They were successful events and I enjoyed putting them together. One day, Blue Star Arts Complex reached out to me to give me the opportunity to organize an event at Brick, one of the largest venues in the city. I thought, with all that square footage, I gotta do a Dyke Nite. It wasn't even a question. Although it was organized by me, and I was the only one behind the scenes, seeing it all come together and everyone show up and show out made it a community effort. I had no idea that it was going to be as successful as it was.



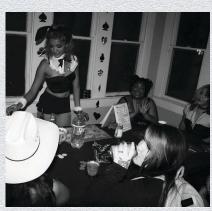
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The first lesbian event that Venus hosted was "Dyke Nite" at *Brick at Blue Star* on 6/4/24. The event had **DJ sets, a BDSM set, art vendors, clothing vendors and tooth gems**. Venus constructed a chandelier made of carabiners that made it a perfect centerpiece for the space. The turnout was massive, loud, and exciting.



The second was "Dyke Nite (2)" at Zen Haus on 6/29/24. There was wrestling, haircuts, face paint, piercings, and tattoos. Venus made sure to have a fully queer team of vendors and artists to highlight the LGBTQIA+ community. I had never seen so many gays at once in my life. It was beautiful.



The third was "Dyke Night Play Haus" at The Bexar Collective. Every room of the house had a different event. In one room there was arm wrestling. In another, a game of poker. There were hors d'oeuvres served on trays by girls in lingerie. The highlight of the night was soap wrestling. The MC was San Antonio drag icon *Mistress Baby Rae*.

She then went on to host "Lesbian Americans" at San Pedro Springs Park on 8/8/24, "Dyke Fright" at Brick at Blue Star on 10/31/24, "LeatHER" at 800 Live on 11/30/24 before moving to Chicago to study art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

### Did you ever have a moment where you felt like you truly succeeded?

I always get sweet comments like "Texas needed this!" and I appreciate that, but at Dyke Fright on Halloween I was approached by a person who told me that I **genuinely saved their life**. I thought about that conversation for days. It made me feel so proud of the work I had done.

#### What's next for Venus?

People have asked me if there is going to be a Dyke Night in Chicago, but **Dyke Night had a certain** *je ne sais quoi* that cannot be replicated outside of Texas. However, I do plan on hosting events in Chicago. I am currently taking classes on printmaking, performance art, and photography, which has given me great resources for my art. I also contribute to *SLIT*, a new print-only lesbian porno mag in Chicago. I am excited to see where that goes...

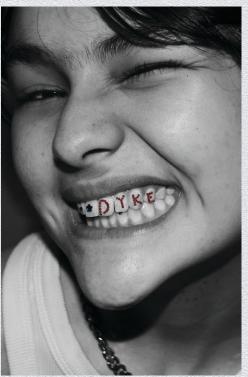
# Do you have any advice for artists in the LGBTQIA+ community?

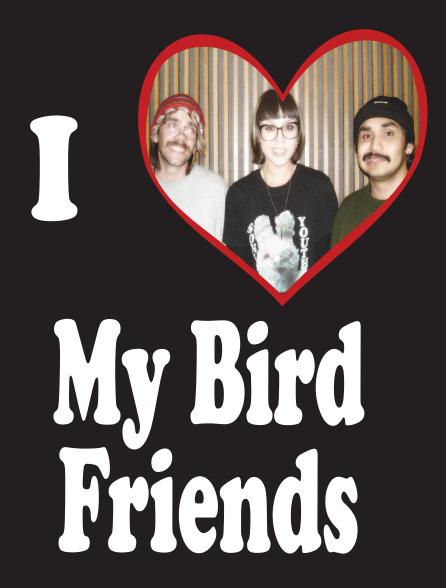
Do something, do something to that, then do something to that.

Most, importantly:

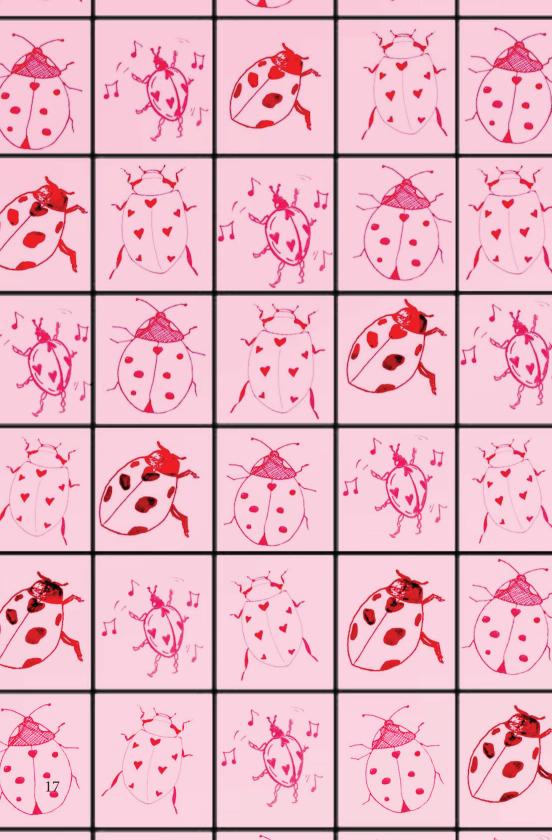
# DO IT NOW!

**XOXO** @theholyvenusx













Poison Girl Friend
Love is cill
love is here
love is pain
love is you
love is true
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love is lower love me
love is wish
love is lies

all i need, is love

love is fight
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love is real

# CREATED BY CALLI

### Original, up-yeled, one of one pieces

San Antonio artist and a good friend of mine, Calli Recore!!!

When working on projects with calli and even just hanging out with her I feel so inspired! In all of Calli's artwork, you can feel themes of love, compassion, and self-identity. Calli takes inspiration from all around her, i wanted to highlight her crow design!

### What was the inspiration behind this design?

(() found inspiration for the crow design in a small tourist shop in the middle of downtown Salem, Massachusetts actually! The imagery of two crows was painted on a Ceramic ornament and pinned into the wall, alongside other ornaments of flaming hearts and witchy tarot. I wanted to recreate it as a linoleum block print after my mother reminded me that crows mate for life. Despite the symmetry in the block print, I actually freehanded the entire thing and carved it out in one 5 hour sitting. Since then, i've printed the design on thrifted and recycled fabrics, tshirts, water color paper, etc. in which i hope to keep selling them at markets! ... after learning more about the birds and their devotion to each other, I realized how intellectually gifted they have to be in order to understand the impacts of community support on their survival."

@ Created by calli





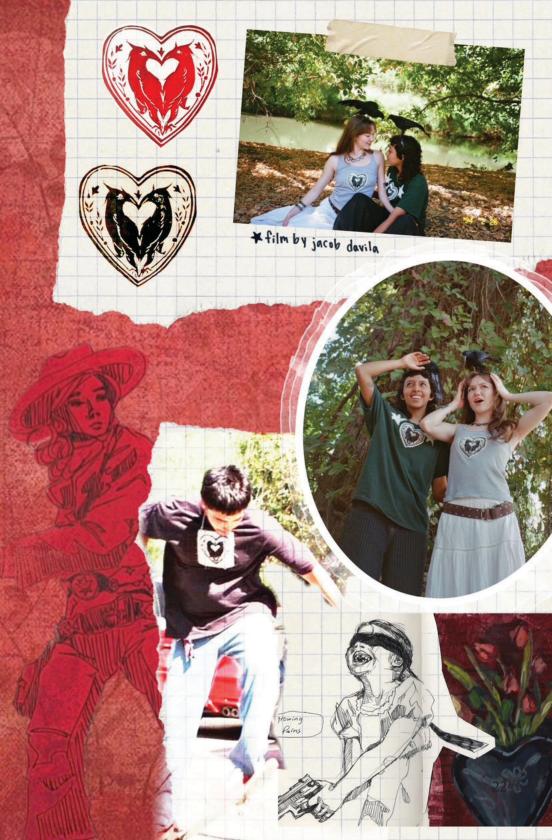
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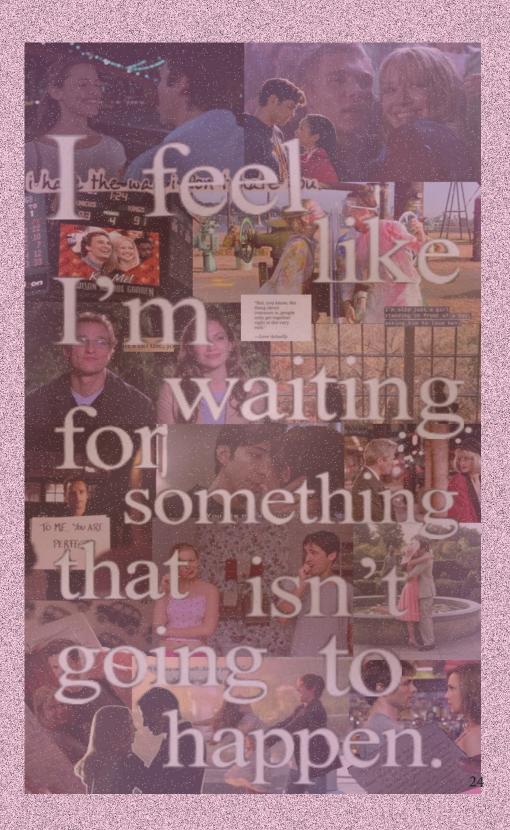


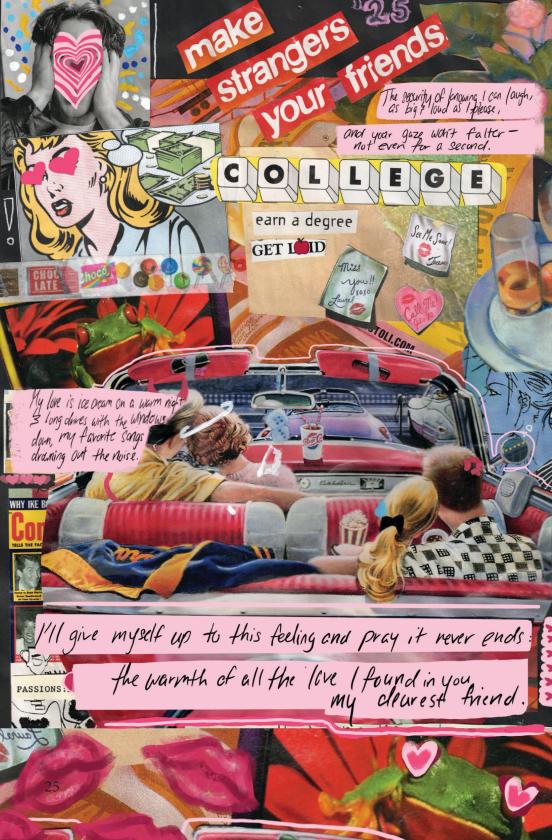
# WHERE ISHEILIT

## WHEREFORE ART THOU MY LOVE?

As an avid romantic comedy enjoyer, I can say that it is easy to recognize the unhealthy and unrealistic aspects of these movies. As a consumer however, the more we consume this content, the more we subconciously program ourselves to seek these behaviors in real life. Not to mention... WHERE IS THE REPRESENTATION? Films like these consistently show hetero-normative relationships with little to no representation of queer relationships, portray women in a dated manner, and let's not forget how the main character is almost always white. Maybe it is ridiculous to place so much pressure on lighthearted movies, but the romance genre has had some of the most success in the film industru. ·Vivi S.

INCACTUALLY, NOT













"How you love yourself is how you teach others to love you." — Rupi Kaur

"Every one of us needs to show how much we care for each other and, in the process, care for ourselves." — Princess Diana



Cuba only has one star,

"Self-love is not selfish; you cannot truly love another until you know how to love yourself."

"Loving yourself isn't vanity. It's sanity." ~ Katrina Mayer



"Remember always that you not only have the right to be an individual, you have an obligation to be one." — Eleanor Roosevelt



"Love who you are, embrace who you are. Love yourself. When you love yourself, people can kind of pick up on that: they can see confidence, they can see self-esteem, and naturally, people gravitate towards you."

Lilly Singh



"Self-care is not a luxury. It is a necessity." – Audre Lorde









"You shouldn't care for somebody just because of the materialistic things that they have, and I'm a firm believer in that." - Selena Quintanilla-Pérez

No Other Friend Poem

No other friend is quite like you. No other friend could do exactly what you do.

No other friend could listen to my dreams,

No matter how weird it all seems. You're the one who's there for me when I need a friend.

We're gonna be tight till the end. We always have fun when we are together.

We always find something to do no matter what the weather.

No other friend could understand me like you do.

I don't know what I would do without a friend like you.



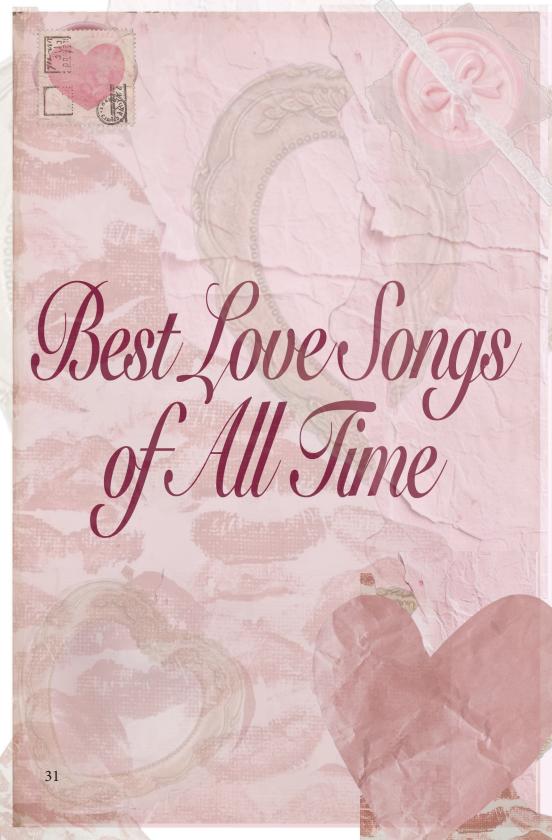






The worst part about love is how long it takes to arrive. And even after you wait, it doesn't even feel like love. If love is pain, why do I continue to long for it? Is this what waits for me?





unchained Melody-The Fleetwoods

No Other Love-Jo Strafford, Paul Weston and His Orchestra

A Song For You-Donny Hathaway

You Are Everything-The Stylistics

I'll Be There For You-Bon Jovi

You Got Me- The Roots, Erykah Badu

Nevertheless (I'm In Love With You) - The Mills Brothers

1+1-Beyonce

Songbird-Fleetwood Mac

Somethin' Stupid-Frank Sinatra, Nancy Sinatra

(Everything I Do) I Do It For You-Bryan Adams

Never Knew | Needed- Ne-Yo

My Boo- Usher, Alicia Keys

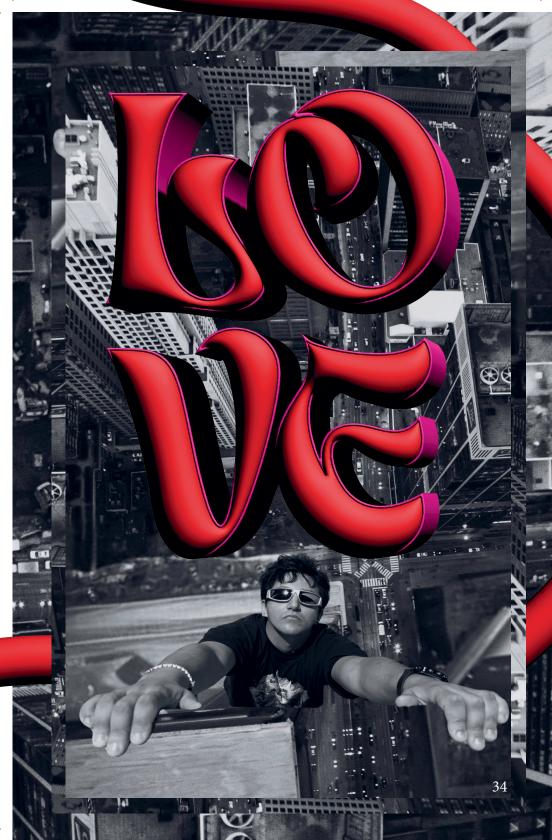
Dreaming of You-Selena

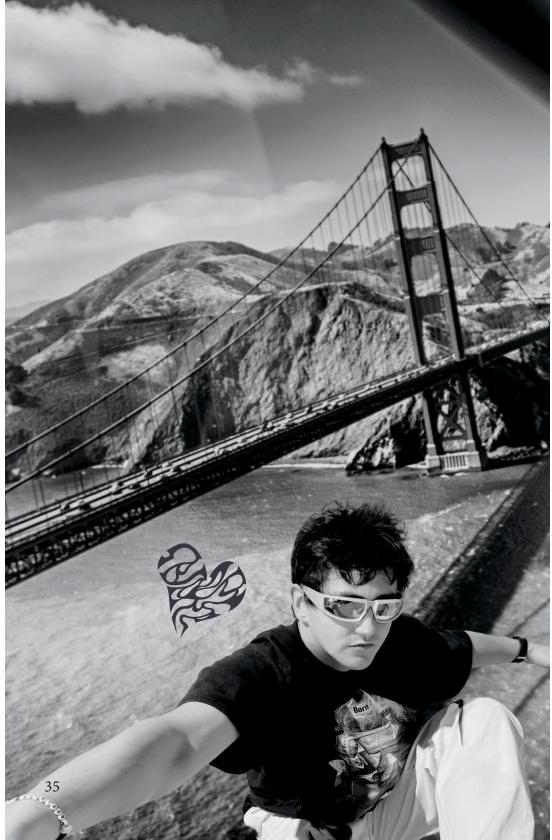
Valentine-Fiona Apple
Lilac Wine-Jeff Buckley
Landslide-Fleetwood Mac
Between the Bars-Elliot Smith
The Night We Met-Lord Huron
A Case of You-Joni Mitchell
Both Sides Now-Joni Mitchell
Please Remember Me-Tim McGraw
The Wisp Sings-Winter Aid
Till Tomorrow-Don McLean
Cryin'- Aerosmith
My All-Mariah Carey

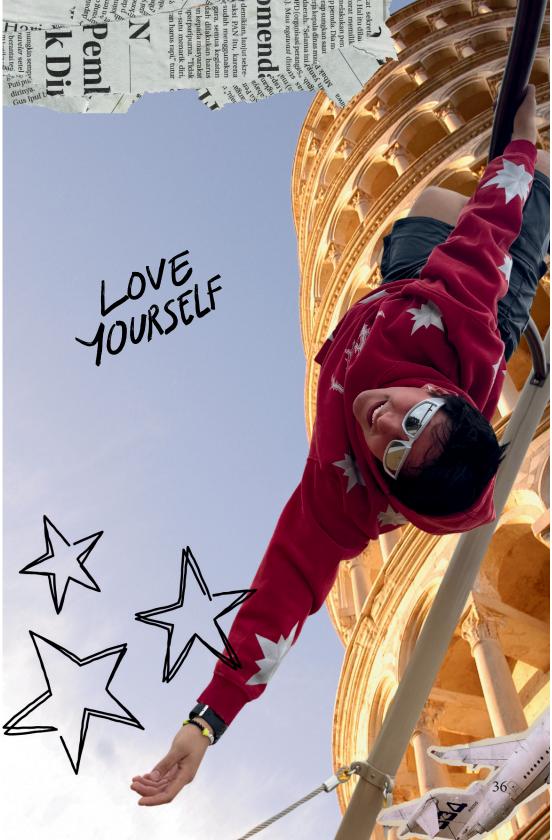
The Frost-Mitski

Someone Like You-Adele













US: what does love really mean to you?

Gary: Trust, communication, empathy,

uhnhhh thats all about it

US:I feel you man

ndom,

Gary'so my 9f found a condom, in a chair that ive had for 3 years

and I do not know where the fuck it

came from, but she accused me of cheating, then she went to the gym at truefit! and she accused me of fucking some girl in the aerobics room. Like what the fuck, who does that. Thats an insecurity, thats another thing.

So lack of insecurity is love

us: What does love mean to you?

Him: What love means to me?

Family, love... loved ones. Like significant other, showing love with compassion, i aint never been in love

we didnt get his name...

Us:really?

Him: but i love my kidsthough...love my mom,

love my dad.



FULL VIDEO WATCH IT PLEASE

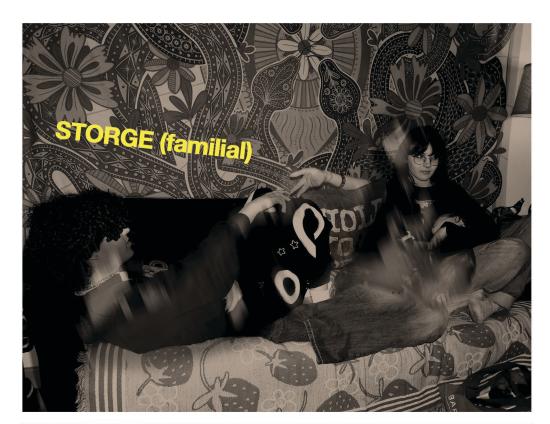
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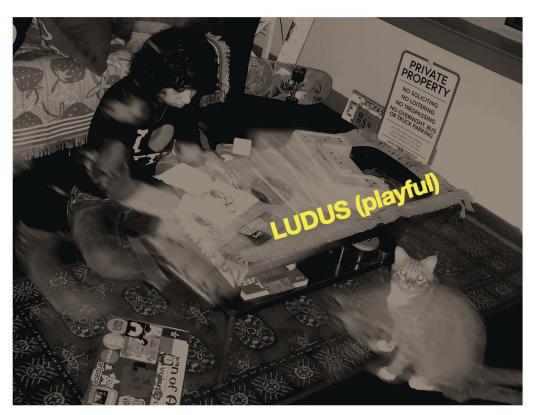


know the different ways to love

















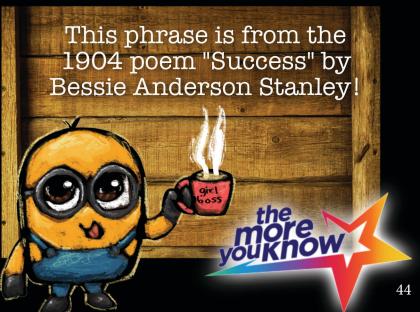
This is a painting I made for my BEST-EST FRIEND EVER,... we had a super fun galentines together!!!



#NOTSO
TRUELOVE
the last time i used
The Apps i felt
physically good but
emotionally... well, i
looked up and
came face to face
with a complete
stranger. i ended up
crying and went
home
#LIFELESSONS
amirite!???



# gh Love



Music is a powerful tool of communication and expression.

Songs have the ability to capture how we feel when words just don't seem to be enough. Songs themselves can be created by emotions and experiences. Love is a feeling and Experience that has created many songs that range from Heartbreak, Infatuation, a sense of longing, Adoration and many more. Whether you're in love, in a relationship.

Crushing, yearning or Just looking for something to listen too I hope you're able to connect and enjoy with these songs:)

### For the aching hearts

Azul - Zoe lejos de ti - The marias Ilusion de amor - Jensine benitez All I wanted - Paramore Where is love? - Billy Uomo Goodbye to love - Carpenters Put me down - the cranberries Last goodbye- Jeff buckley I want someone badly - Jeff Buckley I want you to love me - Fiona apple If you leave me now - Chicago Nobody's clown - Los yesterdays Metamorphosis-Your arms are my cocoon Heartbreak to hate - Angelfish House of cards - Radiohead India Rubber - Radiohead Dagger- slowdive

## For the loving hearts

Halo -The Cure Underneath The Stars - The Cure My Heart - Paramore Loving You - Her's Good Good Things - Descendents Nothing With You - Descendents I'll Always Love You -The Modulations Nothing Matters But You -The Young Veins You Mean Everything To Me -Black Ivory Heaven Only Knows - Michael Seyer You Make Me Happy In My Sorrow - Rocketships A Kiss From Your Lips - The Flamingos I Love You For All Seasons - The Fuzz Only Over You- Fleetwood Mac Bury Me Deep Inside Your Heart - Him When Love And Death Embrace - Him Dead Without You- Reflexion The Boy -The Smashing Pumpkins You're Beautiful -Mojave 3 All My Love -The Gallery Your Guardian Angel -The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus Who Knows What Love Is -Strawberry Switchblade Falling In Love Again -Joyce Manor Only You (And You Alone)- The Platters Zombie Romance- Snow Whites Poison Bite La-La Means I Love You-The Delfonics Like Someone In Love- Bjok All Is Full Of Love- Bjork Unexpectedly- Megumi Acorda











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like fireworks, a spark
 tragically; painfully

3. out of control

# teel love?



6.

4. wholly; completely

5. comfortably

6. brightly, with a glow













Captain

Jou are my sunshine my only sunshine

Jou make me happy yhen skies we grey

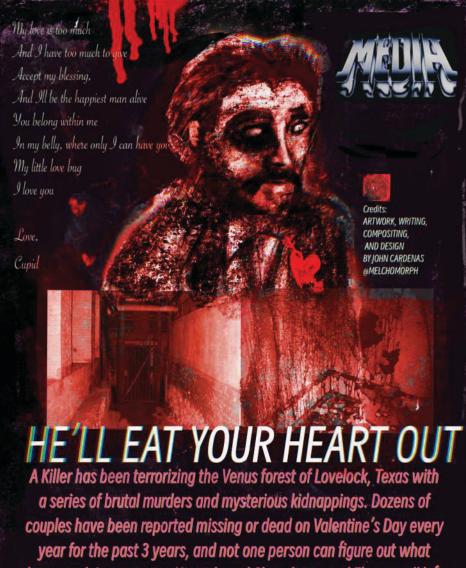
Jou'll never knour, dear hour much love you

> Please don't take my sunshine ayray...

Roses are red.. So is BLOOD! SWEETHEART







a series of brutal murders and mysterious kidnappings. Dozens of couples have been reported missing or dead on Valentine's Day every year for the past 3 years, and not one person can figure out what happened. Love poems, Heart-boxed Chocolates, and Flowers all left at the scenes, but not one trace of the murderer. Detective Redd (Colin Ferrell) is put onto the case due to his exceptional detective skills in his past. However, the deeper he investigates, the more personal he finds the case to be. Detective Redd must fight with his sanity and reevaluate his life in order to put an end to the one they

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THAT WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER DURING THESE
TRYING TIMES. THE WORLD IS CHAOTIC, BUT THERE

is beauty in ART. It is raw expression that HELPS us cope with existence.

We strive to continue to grow our zine family and experiment with media. There are so many

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Much Love,

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