

i paint my toenails

Pink, blue, lavender or sparkles
 What color should I put on my toes?
Under my socks and shoes hiding from everyone
except for me I say “bro” and make jokes, out of fear
or is it habit
If they know the truth, would they still want to talk to me
 Or act as if I’m a creature or if they will view me
differently “how’s your girlfriend” or “the girls must swoon
over you”
 And they do but run away when the truth
comes out it gets draining having to do this when it
comes up
 All the questions come up again
If I just keep quiet will it be easier, but am I lying to myself all
 over again I did not work 20 years to finally love myself
 just to feel this way You can do it; you’ve done it before.
It’s just two or three words but why is it so
 scary to say The thoughts come back
 again
1
 2
 3...
“I’m gay”

Maybe I’ll just keep quiet as I paint my toes all over again

the hollering

my hand is cold while walking next to him outside
I want to hold his hand in public
i want us to be safe though
what would people do or say
 why do they care so much
they don't make a deal when people like
 them do it why is it so different for
 us
just hold his hand, you're literally freezing
I grab it but I hear someone yelling, "DUDE THAT'S SO GAY"
 I yank my hand back, look back
it's just some dudes talking to one another
laughing my hand is cold while walking next
to him outside
 i'll tuck it in my pocket until we get home, and it will all be just fine

we just wanna have fun

celine taylor
 whitney cyndi
cher charli beyonce
 xtina britney ariana

the queens we look up to and the soundtrack of our youth
the one thing that brings us together and creates a strong bond
between us we love their confidence, their openness, the
heartbreak and the happiness
 what we all strive for
growing up gay is switching from the queens to the "hetero" music like jay
 z, kendrick, bruce, mj, garth, or willie
why can't we like both
 in all aspects of just music
why do we feel like we have to fit into a singular
genre even if you like a queen and most the
"hetero" music
 you'll be thrown into another label
why can't we just like what we like and carry on with our lives

we put our music and lives on shuffle not for you but for ourselves