

Poem TO TAMARA #3

Well, NOW, GIRL

OLE FRIEND

BETCHWU DION KNOW

ATCHWU LOOK JIS LAHK

HORATIO ALGER

OR IS IT ALGER HISS

NO MATTER

REALTRUTHIS

Yew

Like ev' BUDDY ELSE'

S a KALEIDOSCOPE

WHICH CONSTANTLY SHIFTS

FROM ONE DISPLAY OF YOURSELF TO ANOTHER

EVOLVING

AND REVOLVING

SIMULTANEOUSLY

MAKING A HUMAN BEING

LIKE A PATCHWORK QUILT

ALL KINOSA DESIGNS

AND DON'T FORGET THAT

HALFWAY THROUGH A PATCHWORK QUILT

LOOKS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WHEN IT'S FINISHED.

AN HAS MORE DESIGNS

" " "

BUT, UH COURSE

ALL SMILE

ALL FRECKLE

ALL BLACK HAIR

MAKES FOR NO FROWN

NO PIMPLES

NO "GOLDEN HAIR SHINING IN THE SUN" CLICHÉ

BUT IT'S COOL

BLACK HAIR I MEAN

CAUSE

IT'S EASILY SPOTTABLE

INNA CROWN

AND ANYWAY

IF YOU DIET

(YOUR HAIR)

AND IT GETS BLONDE

OR RED OR SOMETHING

I'LL HATECHW

AND GET SO FURIOUS

I'LL PUNISH YOU

WITH A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE WATCHTOWER"

AN FURTHERMORE

(I NEVER GET THROUGH TALKING: WIND ME UP AND

SEVERAL HOURS LATER I RUN DOWN

WHEREUPON I BECOME

(1) SILENT

(2) HOARSE

(3) GLOOMY

(4) ON WITH THE POEM).

I LIKE BLACK HAIR

SPESHLY YERS

AS NONE

AND ALL OF THESE

((((EXCEPTING PURENICE SWEETMUSIC LOVING INNOCUOUS VIRGIN IDIOT))))

& THAT YOU ARE ONLY A TRUE

HAPPY

DELIGHTFUL

UNDERSTANDING

((((GOOD FRIEND))))

((((WHOM I STILL LOVE))))

HYPOCRITE

!

BUT

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MAMA

THAT'S ALL RIGHT BY YOU

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MAMA

JUST ANY WAY YOU DO

CAUSE

y'see

AS LONG AS I CAN SEE YOU SATURDAYS IN AARON'S

WEEKDAYS AT SCHOOL

& TALK TO YOU ON THE PHONE

AN SEE YOUR SMILING FACE

((((DELIGHTFUL FACE, THAT))))

AND BE INSPIRED BY YOU

((((AS I AM))))

TO WRITE SUCH AS THIS,

well.....

I DON'T GIVADAMN

WHAT ~~IS~~ YOU

TELL YOUR

DUMB

DIOT

TEENAGE FRIENDS

OR IF YOU

GO OUT

NIGHTS

WITH DUMB TEENAGE BASTARDS

WHO YAK ON ABOUT CARS

AND SPORTS

AND ALL THE RESTA

THAT CRAP

ANI DONT CARE IF YOU BE

A COMPLETE BITCH

AND HYPOCRITE

OR EVEN DO

ANYTHING AT ALL

JUST AS LONG AS

YOU'RE LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN

AROUND ME

AND BE HONEST TO ME

(((I MEAN HONEST)))

AND DON'T FEED ME ANY MORE HYPOCRISY

CAUSE I'LL KNOW IF YOU DO

AN ALSO

(((WAIT A MINUTE. LET ME DISPOSE OF ALL THESE

PARENTHESES)))))))).

WHYTHEHELL

DONCHEW

EVER (GODAMIT).

ANSWER MY LONG

LETTERS

OR SHOW ME YOUR POEMS (THEY CANT BE THAT BAD)

OR

STOP LETTING METALK

ALLA TIME

AN SAY SOMETHING YOURSELF

ALL THAT I MEAN

PLEASE, DEAR.

AN HOHOHO

NOW I CLOSE THIS POEM

AS IF IT WERE A LETTER

WHICH I GUESS IT IS

BECAUSE ONE HUMAN COMMUNICATION IS THE SAME

AS ANOTHER

ANALSO

WORDS ARE WORDS

POETRY IS PROSE

POEM, LETTER, ALLASAME

AS DIZZY GILLERSPIE SAYS, "IT ALL COMES OUT

IN THE WASH-BABY."

ANI

AGREE

ALSO

AND FURTHER MORE

AND ON TOP OF THAT

LABELS

(LIKE JAZZ

CLASSICAL MUSIC

POEMS

PROSE

REARITY

UNREALITY

AND NAMES

OF ALL

HUMAN BEINGS)

ISALOTTA

SHIT

IMRAN MANURE

TUROS)

TRUE

IKNOW

ITSMOREFUNTO

JUST BE.

AS THE CHANG TZU SAYS:

"WORDS ARE FOR HOLDING IDEAS; BUT WHEN ONE HAS GOT THE IDEA ONE NEED THINK NO MORE ABOUT THE WORDS."

I THINK THAT'S TRUE.

FOR AFOREMENTIONED REASONS

AN ONTOPPA THAT —

UM

(LET ME THINK.)

(OH YES)

LIFIS JUSTA BOWLA CHERRIES

BUT DONT FORGET

THE PITS

(RIGHT GANG? RIGHT).

AND ALSO

YOUR PENCHANT FOR

THEM KINDA COATS

YOU WEAR

IS ALRIGHT

(DONT MISTAKE MY PRAISE

IT'S NOT UNQUALIFIED

OR UNLIMITED

FOR INSTANCE

I HATE SUMMA YORE FRIENDS

AN LOVE OTHERS

BUT CHEW KNOW)

THAT (

) LIVING IS ALL FUN

AN PEOPLE ARE

TO BE APPRECIATED

ANI DONT CARE

BOVT IF YOU GOT

DUMBSTUPID

CONFORMIST

PREDICTABLE

BORING

PHONY

(& NUMEROUS OTHER DEROGATORY ADJECTIVE

((INCLUDING "TEENAGE"))

) FRIENDS

(WITH WHOM YOU SPEND MUCH TIME

BUT NEVER TOLD ME

((WASN'T I RIGHT WHEN I SAID

THAT WE CAREFULLY

BUT UNCONCIOUSLY ((SOMETIMES CONSCIOUSLY)))

BUILD UP FALSE IMAGES OF OURSELVES

FOR OTHERS ((FIRST I THOUGHT YOU WERE NICE SWEET MUSIC LOVING

INNOCENT

PURE

VIRGINAL

IDIOT

& THEN

THAT YOU WERE

INTELLECTUAL ARTIST THINKER NONCONFORMIST VERY FINE PERSON

& ADORED YOU

BUT — ALL THE TIME LITTLE SUSPICIONS THAT YOU WERE

PHONY DUMB TEENAGER BOY CRAZY CONFORMIST NON THINKER

TILL FINALLY NOW

I SEE YOU TRULY