

# The World Has Let Me Down

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My mother and I are close  
We talk like friends  
I tell her about people I'm dating  
She gets excited for me  
And she asks how it's going  
When I tell her I think I'm gay  
She says nothing  
She does not ask about the woman I am seeing  
She does not ask how I am doing  
If I need to talk  
If I am happy  
For the first time she has no interest  
Or she doesn't care  
Or she's afraid if she asks then it makes it more real  
Maybe she's pretending she never heard the words come out of  
my mouth  
I am losing my faith in her  
I'm finding it hard to pick out mothers day cards for her  
This ones about having a mother and a best friend in one  
This one says she taught me everything I know  
This one thanks her for her never ending support  
I cry in the middle of cvs  
I'm suddenly seeing her in a different light  
And it's ugly  
And it's harsh  
And I am losing my faith  
And I am disappointed in her

I am one of five girls

My oldest sister has never been able to say the words I love you  
She will not say it back if one of us says it first  
Not to any of us  
Not to our parents  
I imagine it has a lot to do with her childhood  
Maybe she never heard it said to her when she was little  
Maybe she was afraid of the people that said it to her  
Whatever the reason the words do not feel okay coming out of her  
mouth  
But she says it to her husband  
She found that small piece of safety in him  
She felt safe saying the words to him  
The other day she told me her husband has been cheating on her  
for the past five years  
She has been sleeping on our sisters couch for the last week  
I look at her and she looks lost  
And hopeless and like she can't find enough air to catch her  
breath  
Her eyes are sad  
I hurt for her  
And I want to go back to when she was five and tell her I love her  
and keep telling her until she says it back  
So she can hear it from someone that will never hurt her  
So when she grows up and her husband cheats on her she doesn't  
feel like she has no one to say I love you to  
I have lost my faith  
I have lost my faith in the world  
In love  
In trust  
In honesty  
I have lost my faith completely  
In knowing anybody for who they truly are  
Or believing them when they say I would never do that  
I am defeated  
Because bad always wins

And I am tired of the disappointment  
What can you depend on when everything you've depended on is a  
lie  
Is evil in disguise  
Is the woman that raised you  
Or the man you married  
I feel like I have lost  
Like there is nothing and no one  
That I can hold onto  
And I feel like I am moving in slow motion and everything else is  
in fast forward  
When things like this happen I can't help but feel like the world  
has let me down

