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"It's Not That Bad"

REPLY TO: danielle

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Dear Danielle,

I am glad you enjoyed this post too. You've been quite the reader. I love it. I hope that you are still reading, and didn't already give up on getting a reply from me, because I will always reply. It just takes a while for the mail, given where I am and all. I know I've kind of gotten off track a good bit, with my woes of unrequited love and emotional abuse; but, I want to get back to where I was.

As you said yourself, you feel the "pain and hurt and longing" in my writing, and I really don't mean to do that. It's just hard not to -- it seeps into my writing. In fact, most, if not all, of my published works were created at my lowest emotional moments. Poetry being the go to when I'm down the most. So, when you see a poem, that usually indicates I had a *bad* day...

I have no idea where life is going to take me.

I know where the state wants it to...

But, with readers like you, and with comments like yours, I get a little hopeful. Thinking that maybe, just maybe, the world out there would take me back.... That there will be some place for me, some place that I will be able to call *home*.

Thank you.

And, Happy Valentine's Day.

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