

Donor Pen Sketch

I'll try and only talk about aspects of myself that have been constant, many philosophical and religious views have been ever changing, [REDACTED] so who is to say what I will believe in the coming years. I will also try and not be too corny. Now with that in mind I will say, philosophically the only things I believe that are worthwhile in this world and love and creative expression, although the latter could just be an form of self-love, and it doesn't matter where you pursue these ideals, in relationships, in a career or for your own personal joy, just don't underestimate their importance. That wasn't too corny right?

As a child I was "away with the faeries" as my teachers always said, and I loved nature and more feminine pursuits, perfectly acceptable in my family and with my rather hippy school. I grew up in [REDACTED] and moved to [REDACTED] when I was [REDACTED]. This change to a state school affected me and I began to move away from the carefree self-expression of my childhood years and gained an interest in the sciences. Which took me all the way to a BSc in Conservation Biology and then to an MSc [REDACTED]. My BSc I chose because of my passion for protecting the environment and during the two years before I started my MSc I began to realise that [REDACTED] issues are inextricably linked to injustice and that motived me in my MSc choice. This last year [REDACTED] was when I decided to become a doner. This was when I started to reflect on my life and how I presented myself and I asked myself, who am I? (I am really failing to not make this corny). But I couldn't answer that questions and I still cant but I know that it's more along the lines of that carefree creative kid. I am a writer, I am a photographer, and I am exploring drag and my gender. I now know that a kid like me, he needed his self-expression to be unwaveringly celebrated, and I think that's what all kids need. Someone told me that "discovering who you are is just remembering who you were before people told you who you should be."

I am extremely opinionated (and very well researched) and an absolute romantic if you can't already tell. My favourite musicians are Joni Mitchell and Kate Bush, my mother's favourites, and my favourite films are Almost Famous or The Lord of the Rings. I adore reading, Pride and Prejudice, The Hobbit and Harry Potter are what I have re-read the most.

There isn't really anything physically that I dislike about myself, although that wasn't always the case and I struggle with self-esteem because, and like everyone, I don't think you ever get over how you perceived yourself in your teens, but I am pretty, maybe as a kid I was too pretty because everyone thought I was a girl, hence the self-esteem issues. But I grew into rather masculine features and now enjoy when I present either femme or masc. My sister is beautiful and so effortlessly cool, she's also blonde and green eyed, opposite of my brown hair and brown eyes(although my boyfriend has convinced me there's some green in there).

I have noticed, as writer, that how I talk about myself is heavily based on the narrative I have constructed about myself at that time. So, just know that I am an excessively curious person, I love to travel, and I love new experiences, I am patient with people and compassionate. None of these things I believe are purely genetic, but I have fantastic hair which is genetic so what more could you want.

Goodwill Message

I love children, I have countless cousins, but only one sister, would have loved a bigger immediate family. I know that going forward I will have to have kids in an unconventional manner, and I realised that I could help families that were going to do so as well. Humans want to pass on parts of themselves and they want to help each other out, it's innate, so that is why I decided to become a doner.

My hopes for you are for you to be happy and free, be exactly who you want to be in this world and I am sure any parent who goes through this process will help you do that because they really want you. I'm sure the world is improving, even if in 2021 it doesn't feel that way. And so many of the traumas that I grew up with and their causes will have been ironed out somewhat, I think you'll be entering a very exciting world of acceptance and compassion for all people.

I think a consistent theme in my life has been, "I am too old to start something new" whether that was dancing, acting, a career in politics, it is only now [REDACTED] that I know that you're never too old, yes maybe I won't become a principle ballerina at the royal ballet or an astronaut but I can learn to dance or do a course in astrophysics and I can learn for the joy of it. If you chose to do something it doesn't matter that people your age are better than you, don't be afraid to admit that you want something others already have, you'll get there. So, do what you want to do, don't think anything is out of reach for you. And if you want to change, change, don't let anyone's preconceived ideas of you stop you changing. I wish someone had maybe told me that at 18. Maybe right now I'd be a superstar, but heck, it's not too late and I may still be a superstar.

I think everyone in this world has a story to tell, we compare ourselves but if we really think about it, then we all live the same life and become experts in ourselves. Whether you're an Olympic athlete, a nurse or an artist, our brains have all processed the same amount of information and that's what it took to become us. Thus, everyone is worthy and beautiful.