

# It's Complicated

Propaganda

We are often our own demise and  
I am becoming procrastination  
You are so often so wrong about you and you don't even know it  
Self-identified as particleboard, papier-mâché, duct taped  
And you are wrong, and right, and confused  
It's complicated, but so is a star  
A flower, a quasar, a friendship, a marriage  
May we be refuge for the complicated and  
As for me, well, I have zipped up my emotions into this dusty duffel bag that I've aptly named poetry  
And I'll be on my merry way as soon as my pride turns me loose  
And unmangle the last morsel of manhood I could produce  
Ma'am, I seem to have misplaced my confidence  
Last place I've seen it, it was at the altar of your love and  
It's complicated and  
I am becoming... complicated

We may scratch ourselves raw to erase the image we were made in  
Smoke, snort, sex or drown out the silence  
We may waste our life savings on makeovers  
To try to rhinoplast our daddy's nose away  
But no nip, no tuck could cut away the sense of obligation  
We are becoming what we are not  
But what we are is inescapable  
You are a masterpiece fighting to be a silly selfie with a hideous filter  
You are heavens handmade calligraphy  
Slumming it among papyrus fonts  
You are the complete and perfect works of a perfect and eternal poet laureate  
With a laundry list of identity issues and  
Sometimes your plumbing don't match your urges but  
Your femininity it forced a force field that protected our posterity  
Your masculinity it mustered up moxey to conquer mountains for our families  
You are the rightful heir to not just a kingdom  
But a universe and you have your daddy's eyes  
Stop being so traitorous  
You are revelation revealed  
Pyramid constructors, conductors, conduits of lightning  
Yet you speak, and you breathe this arsenic carcinogenics, and it causes car sickness  
These scars are our witness  
To love hard is hard living, but it's life  
It's who we are, it's messy and uncomfortable and complicated  
But so is a star, parenting, child birth, love, and us, and us

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