

St Mary's Poetry Competition 2024: Unity and Connection

To whom it may concern

Hi, I hope you're doing well.
If you're reading this,
I would assume that you're human.
I mean, you may not be,
I don't know who will find this.
So, in the case of alien encounters,
Or scouting AI,
I suppose I'll write two messages.

To humanity,
I guess, in a 'patriotic' way,
I love you.
As messed up as you are
And have been
And will be, if I can't help it,
You can be beautiful.
Stop your stupid hatred,
Fear-mongering will never prevail
And money won't save you,
If society fails.
Cling tight to those you love,
Build bonds with outsiders,
And start scraping together
A global community.
Otherwise, when one pillar falls,
The rest will follow.

To other sentient life,
I don't know what year you'll find this,
Or whether humanity has gone extinct.
If not, please remind them to be kind.
If they've died away, leaving ash and rubble
And ghosts,
I want you to know this.
If my hopes were right,
And my optimism won,
Then know that humanity was beautiful.
We loved each other,

And reached out to strangers,
Until no one ever felt strange.
I hope you know that we cared.

If we're dead and gone,
I sincerely hope that we weren't the culprits,
That some freak accident, or solar anomaly
Wiped out a thriving,
Loving,
Caring,
Welcoming,
Kind,
Community.

I hope the ether takes my messages
And delivers it to those who need to see it.
Be gentle with my words,
Cradle their meaning close,
Lest it evaporate into nothingness.

So,
To whom it may concern,
Hi, I hope you're doing well,
And I hope that you care,
To read a little message,
And remember to be kind.

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