

A letter to me about the patriarchy  
By Kadie Kelly

**Dear me,**

**I'm making him depressed**

- who?

The patriarchy

He doesn't want drama and stress

He knows a life without it

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Makes me want to protect myself

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Look for somewhere else to live because I have a lot of drama, emotion, stress

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We don't want the same things

Sad

But true

I want me  
And he doesn't

I want me  
The imperfect  
Unholy  
Angry  
Sad  
Scared  
Because of the way I've been treated

He only wants the happy me  
But when I'm happy  
He's mad

So what is that anomaly?

Anomaly

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I want authenticity

Not complicity

I want reality  
Not fantasy

I want hope not hate  
For me being  
Wonderfully,  
-Tragically,  
Me