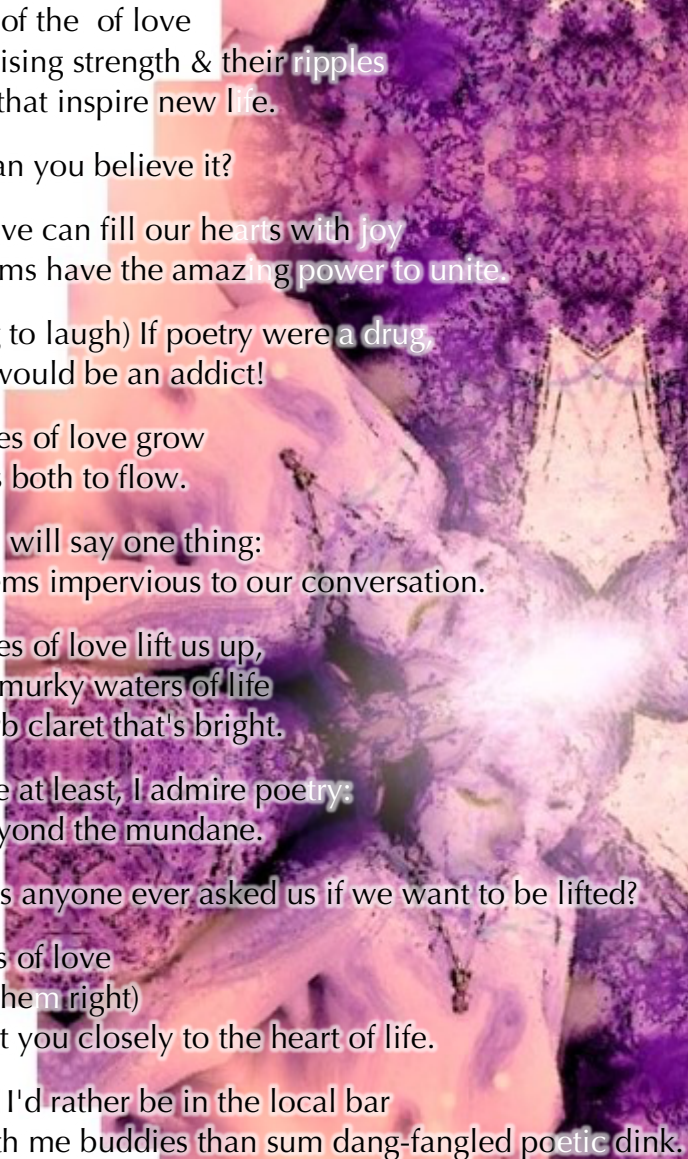


JEST RAIGHT:

Deconstructing the notion of perfect love

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- Poem* : Tidal waves of the of love
have a surprising strength & their ripples
are breezes that inspire new life.
- Andrei* : (laughing) Can you believe it?
- Poem* : Waves of love can fill our hearts with joy
& their streams have the amazing power to unite.
- Rea* : (also starting to laugh) If poetry were a drug,
this person would be an addict!
- Poem* : Let the waves of love grow
& inspire us both to flow.
- Diana* : (shrugging) I will say one thing:
this poet seems impervious to our conversation.
- Poem* : Let the waves of love lift us up,
turning the murky waters of life
into a superb claret that's bright.
- Jules* : In one sense at least, I admire poetry:
it lifts us beyond the mundane.
- Andrei* : (spitting) Has anyone ever asked us if we want to be lifted?
- Poem* : The currents of love
(if you use them right)
can connect you closely to the heart of life.
- Rea* : Gosh dang! I'd rather be in the local bar
chatting with me buddies than sum dang-fangled poetic dink.

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