

So often I have lived my life in fear of “coming out” and being myself because of what I would experience, so often I rather live in a world of lies and safety than liberal and dangerous, but on this day, I have also realized that I am more fearless now than I have ever been. I realize that I am not meant to survive in this world of hate, despair, and troublesome, but I am meant to live in this world fearlessly. I rather be open and loud about who I am as an individual than to live silently in fear. Audre Lorde states “we were never meant to survive” and it really makes me think, what were we meant to do then? But as I think about it more, I realize we were not meant to just “survive” we were meant to live. We were meant to live fearlessly and take chances in this world.

Joy Harjo also states, “fear I am alive and you are so afraid of dying” and I know exactly what she means. After so many years of hiding who I really am, I can finally say I am living my life to the fullest the way I want to. I have feared life for so long, that now I can truly say I have overcome fear and am fearless. I have been taught my entire life by society to fear being different, and to live under societal norms, but I have finally broken those boundaries and I am not living and all my fears are slowly dying.

