

Message Transcripts

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Ally Schmaling

I feel like my fullest self anywhere and everywhere that exists as an intersection of the sacred and the profane. I really feel like my aliveness in all moments that hold grief and joy in the same breath. I think of laughing and smooching and slow dancing in my kitchen with the very many loves of my life and just holding on to each other as it seems like the world just burns around us. I think of the dunes of p-town and the not so secret cruising beach and feeling simultaneously so held in the most spiritual sense by the waters of the Atlantic while strangers all around me are doing unspeakable things in the sand. I think about getting my hands dirty in my garden, planting tulip bulbs in the fall and the intimacy of reaching into this dark wet earth for the promise of a future joy that may or may not come. I think that a lot of this just has to do with the muchness and the everything all at once of feeling and of being alive. That's when I think the magic happens.

Indi Massiel

My fullest self feels like a warm embrace from your mom. It smells like a fresh rain after a big storm and the smell of freshly cut, mowed grass. Tastes like sweet mango and well-seasoned bulgur wheat and a kitty or what I would call Kika. It sounds like the trumpet and really good jazz song or salsa song. I feel my fullest self while I'm creating whether it's small projects like a beat space for a day outside or an intricate, detailed, many-ingredients-filled recipe because I have to learn how to cook for myself around allergies. I feel my fullest self while making things and making beautiful things and sharing those things for the people around me. Thank you.

Jase Gardner

I feel like my fullest self in any space in which I have freedom of expression. Other than that is via my hair or clothes, whether that is in public or alone.

Jaypix Belmer

Be fulfilled in your greatest moment. Your greatest moment is within self. I know you love yourself. I know you love you. Make sure you kindle, you nurture that great gold inside. The greatest place is inside you right inside your heart. Gift and share your greatness with all. That great gold inside will be the place for you to share with those around you.

Kirbie Macewen

I feel like my fullest self on the dance floor with my closest friends. It sounds like really good disco music. It smells like sweat. And it feels totally immersive and deeply connecting to be sharing the sound waves with everyone else and to be moving my body freely and without judgment with others who I love and make me feel safe.

K Lenore Siner

I feel like my fullest self in queer kink spaces. This is where my desires are desired instead of dangerous and where I feel seen and sexy rather than objectified or othered and where I get to be playful rather than protective of who I am.

Michael Christmas

I feel my fullest self when I am surrounded by the homies and it doesn't matter where we are. When I look around and I see some of my friends over here, some of my friends over here, and some of my friends over here, and everybody's doing something different, and my friends are talking to each other and they're talking to me and we're talking about each other, and everyone's laughing and everyone's happy. There's no comparable time where I feel better in myself than being surrounded by my people.

Naomi Westwater

I feel like my fullest self when I'm out in the garden, planting tending, watering, and then inspiration strikes me and a poem or a song comes to mind. And just how easily tending to the garden is metaphor for life that I can write about or sing about.

Samantha Rose

I feel the potential of my fullest when I feel like I can really dream and create new ways of being centered and myself and collective wellness, centered in joy, centered in community.

Sometimes this potential feels tangible when I'm walking in the woods or creating music or when I'm in community with others who do not fit the status quo. I feel it when I grow my own food. I listen to my body and I prioritize rest over productivity. I also feel it when I'm standing up for what I really believe in, in solidarity with others. And sometimes living into my fullest self is hard work because it requires me to push past fear and welcome the unknown.

Sarah Saydun

I feel like my fullest self in places where it's safe to do what comes most naturally to me. That's where belly laughs rise freely into the air, where my heart can be as expansive as it needs to be in any given moment, and where it's not bound by gender or capitalism or my own physical body. I feel like my fullest self where I can offer food as care and where love isn't measured and when I'm with the earth and water and the dirt, which are the things that my body is made of.

Shamsud Abhay Bery

Where do I feel my fullest? When I'm feeling the pull of the cosmos calling me to my higher purpose. When I feel the mother god of Earth calling me to her pastures, calling me to breathe fresh air, experience crisp warmth at all times. Nature is my calling. As a child of Earth, I feel my fullest with my feet gently placed in the sands of Costa Rica as the ocean waves lap against my toes. I feel my fullest at one with nature.

Sherman

I feel like my fullest self in a crowd of queer people that are looking at me with wonder. I've done a lot of things in preparation for this and this is the moment. I trained my body. I painted my face. I chased my deepest feelings and transmuted them into a performance, a party, a mood, a moment. This is where I feel fullest but I must admit I am steeped in pleasure in the preparation and also the dismount. Staring myself down in practices in the mirror with a technician's careful gaze. And then also exploding out of my costume with pleasure when the night is gone.

Seraphim Sea

I feel like my fullest and most vibrant self when I'm with my found family. To be surrounded by people I feel loved and cared for by lets me express myself in ways I've never imagined I'd be able to. I watch silly movies and do mundane tasks together, all rejoicing in each other's care and company. I feel like I can wear my most extravagant outfits and be my truest most beautiful self.

Tabitha Segovia

My fullest self is found in the moving car, the past behind me, the present with me, and the future however far I choose to go. It's me as a constant while the world around me is in a constant flow and rotation. Sometimes I find myself in a similar situation, perhaps needing to learn a deeper truth. It's good to claim it now with the aid of keeping you. My fullest self is a growing being, healing and learning and pursuing all while I flourish in this thing that by my actions is moving

Ulysses Cuir

A space where I feel my fullest self is usually a kink space. A leather bar, a social, even a contest, but as long as there's a space activated by other kink individuals that are living their authentic selves, expressing through their fear, through their friendship the relationships, just sharing space with those people. I feel at home. I feel like I can really let my guard down and be 100% myself. Not just because I'm wearing gear, but because I'm around kindred spirits, and we're sharing that space and that journey together.

Wayne "Cash" Montague

I feel like my fullest self when I'm alone. Like just up early, watching the world turn on. I sit in silence that I create honestly. And it feels like it's a byproduct of me being disciplined and me being dedicated to self work, you know just putting myself first, allowing myself to have a moment to myself. And it usually sounds like whatever song was playing in my head as I was sleeping, like I tend to have these dreams that are just audio and it'll just be a song on loop. But if I play a song after that I tend to just let the algorithm guide me for the first hour or two. And I allow myself to just exist and that's when I feel like I'm operating in my truest form and I am my fullest self. Thank you.