

I am born with the right to be married. If I am gay, this right is removed.

So if I am born gay, the minute I make this proclamation to the world I am denying myself the right to marriage.

The right to marry, this right with which we are all born, should not be removed simply because we gay or straight.

As a straight woman I grapple with the concept that while I can get married, my gay friend cannot. My expectation of marriage, the joy and fulfillment that I want to achieve from marriage, is diluted because of the fact that it does not apply to everyone, equally.

Why shouldn't my friend be allowed to marry her partner? More to the point, why should my experience of marriage be altered simply because some straight people want to deny gay people the right to marriage, especially when I am not one of them?

Thankyou.