

Things to Fill a Hole
- Sarah Williams -

Which things can fill a hole? A gaping, endless, dark hole in the center of my being, controlling my life. A hole whose tangible function is only to ~~spread~~^{spread} loneliness throughout my body and ~~leaving~~^{leave} me grasping for breath. Which things are able to fill such a hole? Pebbles. Stones. Boulders. Each one will be swallowed without a sound. Friendship. Without understanding the profound hurt, friends will only create echoes into the depthless pit. Love. The absence of love gave birth to this hole, so inevitably it must be restored to patch up the brokenness. Yet I helplessly reject everyone's love — wallowing in this murky pool of loneliness and sinking because I clench my fists whenever someone reaches to pull me back into happiness — unwillingly waiting for my love, that one person, to return to me. Nothing can fill this hole. Nothing ~~can~~^{will} fill this hole if my love does not return to me. But I still must try, even though I know it will be in vain, to fill the loss. Tears. They only intensify the hurt ~~by~~ slipping down the hole in an eternal torrent and reminding me of how endless the emptiness is. Death. The only way to end the ~~blinding pain, and deafening loneliness,~~^{and} the seemingly only solution. But how could I be so selfish and weak as to take myself out of someone else's life, who inevitably feels the same way I do? Strength. I must be strong, hiding my hurting and ignoring my hole until I am strong enough to live with the broken fragments. Strength is the only thing that can fill a hole.

Reflection

The tone of this entry is morose and clearly despairing. The diction includes words such as “loneliness,” “brokenness,” and “death,” which create the sad tone. The syntax includes one-word sentence fragments followed by a lengthy pessimistic description of how that one word cannot fill a hole, then another short sentence or fragment. This makes the shorter sentences much more powerful and the entry more meaningful than one full of lengthy sentences would be.

Outstanding!