

After Reading Leelah Alcorn's Suicide Note on Tumblr

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When I was 14, I learned what transgender meant

I turn on a bath
the water is
too hot

I immediately told my mom, and she reacted extremely negatively,

I light a rainbow candle
watch the rage melt
into orange

telling me that it was a phase, that I would never truly be a girl,

the headline reads
"Boy, 17, hit and killed
by semi on I-71"

that God doesn't make mistakes, that I am wrong.

the basketball team
is planning a moment
of silence

If you are reading this, parents,

and I wonder
if they even know
who to mourn

please don't tell this to your kids.