

## **Alix Olson**

### **"I Believe"**

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I believe misogyny and patriarchy are closet homo  
lovers  
And they screw over their sisters  
Cause they're scared to screw each other  
I believe Harriet Tubman should be on the dollar bill  
We've had our fill of white boy faces  
Time to change places.  
I believe Hilary, not bill, should have worn the crown  
They could have learned from Jack and Jill  
Which one would break it and fall down  
I believe there are too many lonely lesbians looking for  
a lover  
And if some would lift their cool masks  
Maybe they would find each other.  
I believe people and products both need less  
packaging  
Cause bullshit is still bullshit  
When you pull off all the wrapping

I believe people are see-through  
if you hold em up to the light  
I believe people are enlightening  
if you plug em in right.  
I believe our system is a love affair between the up and  
upper classes  
Cause it's easy to get screwed when you're just raping  
all the masses  
I believe diet coke is liquid steel  
I believe too many women drink their meal.  
I believe in survival of the fittest - if you're ranking  
members of a gym  
But if you're talking about the human club  
You gotta let everybody in  
I believe you should learn more than one language  
you should learn to talk in tongues and lips  
I believe in nipples and skin and toes and hips.  
I believe in noise from teeth and throats and cunts  
The noise of poetry, music, laughter, after screaming  
cunnilingus.

I believe women are sexy

without makeup or clothes  
I believe women are sexy  
when they're reciting prose  
I don't believe in horoscopes,  
fortune, fate, luck, or chance  
I believe sometimes shit works out  
just cause of circumstance.  
So I believe if you call the wrong number  
you should talk for a while  
You might like 'em more than  
who you meant to dial  
I believe small talk is for small people  
who have nothing much to say  
If you really think it's so nice out,  
shut up and go enjoy the fucking day  
I believe Wall Street invented the criminal mentality  
The easter bunny laid mandatory heterosexuality  
I believe mutual masturbation makes a lot of sense  
I don't believe in a white picket fence  
I believe in picking fights and picketing riot dykes  
I believe in loving in groups,  
I believe in loving alone.  
I believe in hardship, in travelling through hard shit  
Then I believe in coming home.

I believe some wives find their husbands boring  
and they picture women naked  
while those boys are snoring  
I believe men need to revolutionize themselves or  
they'll see  
all those wives kissing Jill Sobule and me.  
I believe there are more buttons  
and more clever bumper stickers every day  
and less and less sticking  
To what they have to say  
more recycling of garbage, more recycling of cash  
it all ends up in the same bin - with all the white  
corporate trash

I believe there are too many babies  
and too many weddings and too many headings  
that started with Monica  
I believe post-gay is presumptuous  
Just plain gay functions.  
I don't believe in ex-gay  
I believe Trent Lott should be b.b. gun-shot  
ex-punged from this term before  
The thousand years he's got left  
I believe Barbie should be used in anatomy class  
as a perfect bag of bones then taken to biogenetics  
as an argument against clones.

I believe cell phone culture is ridiculous  
imprisoning us in the cell of a social fetish  
I believe baby dolls should have realistic clits.  
so baby dykes can start getting used to it.  
and I believed the guy I waited on today  
who said "I'm one hundred percent nice, I don't bite"  
I said "I believe you sir and I'll take the beer  
can you believe I'm one hundred percent queer"  
and i talk it and i teach it  
and i poet and i preach it  
and I hold it and I mold it  
and I know it so I give it.  
cause I'm sure that I believe  
i'm still learning how to live it.

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