

## **Romanovsky And Phillips "Living With Aids"**

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(Dedicated to the memory of John Peterman, and to the future of people with AIDS and ARC.)  
He's big and he's proud  
He's abrasive and loud  
He can roar like a lion or be meek as a lamb  
God knows he's courageous  
And sometimes outrageous  
He inspires me to be all that I can  
But I'll never forget  
The last time we met  
How my heart stopped at the story he told  
He said "Life can be hard  
When it deals you a card  
That you never expected to hold."  
But then he said "It's not the end  
I rely on my friends  
For all the affection and love they provide  
And maybe with hugs  
And without booze and drugs  
There is still a good chance that I may survive."  
And maybe he will  
'Cause he's active still  
He goes to the marches and all the parades  
He's not giving in  
He's determined to win  
He's a person who's living with AIDS  
Living with love, not living in fear  
Embracing the light when shadows appear  
It's a place to begin, it's a good way to start  
Releasing the power we hold in our hearts  
The loss of our lovers,  
Our sisters and brothers  
Is a wound that cuts deep through our history of pride  
And one way to heal  
All the pain that we feel  
Is to stand by the living and remain unified  
So if you've got a friend  
Whose condition is grim  
Don't go burying him or drawing the shades  
Surrender your doubt  
By reaching out

To a person who's living with AIDS  
Living with love, not living in fear  
Healing with hope and drawing them near  
It's a place to begin, it's a step we can take  
Empowering people whose lives are at stake  
Living with love, not living in fear  
Embracing the light when shadows appear  
It's a place to begin, it's a good way to start  
Releasing the power we hold in our hearts

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