

Different By Devin O'Brian

The whole idea of it makes me sick
I look in the mirror and i look the same
But I do not feel that way.
These feelings felt normal a few days ago
What changed?

Was it the talks in health class that never pertained to me?
The gossip in the hallway about who we thought was cute?
Or the lump that formed in my throat when I was asked.

I am not ashamed.
But for some reason
I am scared.

Is it because of the stories I see on the news
about people like me?
The battles in the government just to feel human
To feel normal.
Why am I not normal?
What makes me different from them?

Is it my feelings?
Though I feel the same,
Just about someone else.
Why is it different?

The feelings are the same.
Your hands get sweaty like mine when he talks to you.
Your face flushes red the same way mine does when I see them.
You can't help but smile when he texts you, just like I do.

Why is it different?
What makes it so different?
Why is it different when my feelings are for her?