



Other Way Round

As a heterosexual, how would you feel if you;

- Had to live a secret life?
- Could not mention the most important relationship in your life?
- Could not say that you were upset because you had had an argument with your lover?
- Could not say that you were late because your lover needed your support?
- Could not speak in affectionate tones on the phone to your lover when other people were about?
- Could not hold hands with your lover when walking in the park?
- Could not kiss your lover 'goodbye' in public?
- Could not dance close to your lover at a club?
- Had to act as if you were ashamed of who you are, of loving another person when really you felt proud of it?
- Had to live in fear of being found out and at the mercy of other people's prejudices?
- Had to read in the media that young people should be protected from learning about your 'unsatisfactory' lifestyle?
- Had to put up with reading and hearing statements about you which are an incitement to violence and against which there is not legal protection?
- Had to read/listen to people discussing the 'causes' of your 'problem' behaviour and how it could be cured?
- You could not protest about this for fear of identifying yourself and losing your job or even your children?
- Living in a society which for the most part pretended that you and people like you did not exist...where newspapers, books, films, television, radio, the education system, hospital services, housing authorities and pension schemes all failed to acknowledge your existence or else define it in condemnatory and bigoted way?