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"Write to a Stranger"

As with my previous project, the goal of this project was to create a site that could serve a therapeutic function for the user. The inspiration from this site came from a personal desire to shout into the void, but know that my message would be read somewhere down the line anonymously. On entering the site, users are given four options of emotions to pick from: happy, sad, anxious, calm. The site uses socket.io and node.js to store user-inputted text in a JSON file, which is tagged with the chosen emotion of the user who wrote it. Using this data, users are "matched" by randomly assigning a user-contributed text that complements the emotion that the current user picked - happy to sad, anxious to calm - which is then revealed character by character as the user inputs their text.

Though the site is close to being complete, I would still like to add a basic form of data visualization to show how many users have selected each emotion, as well as updating the text on the site to guide user interaction.

SITE: http://write.brendan-rooney.com/