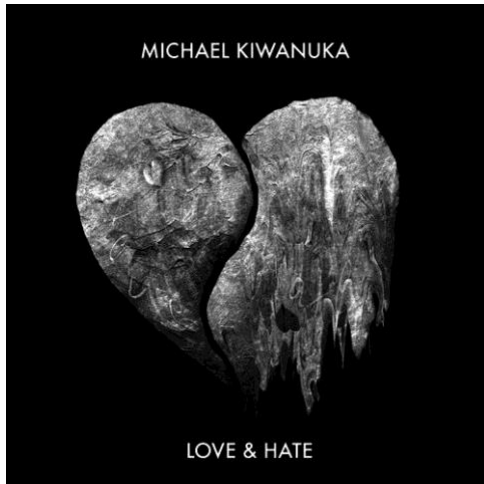


A Blog About Queerness



The word Queer will never have one meaning and will never stop being defined as something different, but it will always be up to interpretation. Just to name a few- and come no where close to the justice it deserves- Queer means, at least to me, resistance, resilience, unapologetically being yourself and not what society forces you into a confining box to be and lastly it

means to defy the social norms. In a way, it could very well have nothing to do with your sexual orientation, or it could- it's up to interpretation. Growing up, I was always, from the start, an ally for the LGBT+ community because my mom was, however I also just never once saw the 'problem' with queerness that society sees. On the other hand, I knew absolutely nothing about the community. All I thought I knew was that my favorite artist- Lady Gaga- was a huge advocate for them; but beyond that I knew nothing.

Now here's the thing, I have placed singer- Michael Kiwanuka's album cover in the top left corner, entitled Love & Hate. I have done so because, all the queer community is doing is minding their business and loving whomever they want; and for some reason all that unconditional, natural love brings so much hate from people outside of the community. How does so much love, ensue so much hate? That is the question...

I have always been a little bit envious of anyone who comes out-whether it's as gay, lesbian, bi, or queer- I've always been a little jealous. The reason is because, I am still not one

hundred percent what I am. I've struggled my whole life and always defaulted to 'straight' but maybe that's not accurate or maybe it is, I am still searching. But people that are in the community are always so sure of themselves and who they are, and they refuse to be anything but themselves. That is extremely admirable, and that is why I am an Ally.