

## Rejection Physically and Mentally

The cold night is hard on homeless people in the city, with the winds reaching record levels and the snow falling inch by inch. The judgmental day is hard on homosexuals, with the openness and the unveiling of the truth. Ignorance is bliss, as the old saying goes, but this so called bliss may be a torment to those who have to live in secrecy. The choice to either live their life-hiding and afraid is not appealing to many, and eventually the truth surfaces, only to find the worst case scenario coming true. Acceptance is not granted and rejection is apparent, especially in the life of an underage teen. What happens when the only people you have desert you? When the one thing you thought you could count on is not there in your time of trouble? What does a teenager do when the days offer nothingness and the nights are filled with thoughts of sorrow and depression? Imagine how cruel the world could be to a queer teenager in the city.

With 24 hours of the day as a thinking period, nobody to talk to, and no place to call home, a queer homeless teen has little to look forward to. Through their minds run feelings of abandonment, and maybe even regret, thinking that they should have just kept quiet, at least it would have been warmer- on the outside.

Physically rejecting queer teens by putting them on the street is not a solution to society's issues. A queer teen is likely to question them selves to begin with, let alone after being tossed aside like trash. By rejecting these teens, their self esteem is lowered, and their aspirations grow faint. These teens needed someone to talk to, someone to accept them for who they are. Throwing them away like they can make no contribution to society is unfair. People are people

no matter what their sexual preference is. How would a heterosexual like to be thrown on the street for being a certain race or looking a certain way that is beyond their control? Every human has feelings, thoughts, ideas, and emotions that they can contribute to society, rejecting these teens is a way of telling them that they do not possess the qualities in order to do good in the world, and by making that mistake our society could miss out on great inventions, theories, and actions.