

# Hank Green, The Anglerfish Song

Yes it's true that I once went through life  
As a guy who always had to rhyme life with strife  
Yes, I've been burned and I've been spurned  
And through it all, yes, I have learned  
That love is not about whether you get stabbed  
But how slow the knife gets turned

But my friends I've found an animal  
Who doesn't feel this pain  
And my life is so much better  
Now that I can feel the same

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If you've lived your whole life without light  
And you can't hate the dish  
If you've only ever eaten fish  
And you can't feel alone  
If it's all you've ever known

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Has no reason to be happy  
But it has no frikkin' idea  
What else to be

The deep sea dwelling anglerfish  
Never has to find a mate  
They are always there together  
When it's time to procreate

See one dark night, a young male  
Bites the female on her side  
And then slowly he becomes  
A sperm-producing parasite

And if we can say he lives at all  
He lives until she dies  
And until that day he literally  
Never leaves her side

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For years this rule has kept me  
Out of hopeless despair  
You simply do not feel  
What is always there

I ask my brain to entertain  
That pain is the same  
That if I feel it all the time  
Can you really call it pain

I don't have any friends  
And I don't have any hair  
But neither does the anglerfish

And she doesn't care

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