

## The Pointless, Yet Poignant, Crisis Of A Co-ed

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I'm not a leader, i'm not a left-wing rhetoric mobilizing force of one,  
But there was a time way back, many years ago in college, don't laugh,  
But I thought I was a radical, I ran the hemp Liberation League with my boyfriend,  
It was true love, with a common cause, and besides that, he was a Sagittarius.

We used to say that our love was like hemp rope, three times as strong as the rope that you buy domestically,  
And we would bond in the face of oppression from big business and the deans,  
But I knew there was a problem, every time the group would meet everyone would light up,  
That made it difficult to discuss glaucoma and human rights, not to mention chemotherapy.

Well sometimes, life gives us lessons sent in ridiculous packaging,  
And so I found him in the arms of a Student Against the Treacherous use of Fur,  
And he gave no apology, he just turned to me, stoned out to the edge of oblivion,  
He didn't pull up the sheets and I think he even smiled as he said to me,  
"Well, I guess our dreams went up in smoke."  
And I said, No, our dreams went up in dreams, you stupid pothead,  
And another thing, what kind of a name is Students Against the Treacherous Use of Fur?  
Fur is already dead, and besides, a name like that doesn't make a good acronym.

I am older now, I know the rise and gradual fall of a daily victory.  
And I still write to my senators, saying they should legalize cannabis,  
And I should know, cause I am a horticulturist, I have a husband and two children out in Lexington, Mass.  
And my ex-boyfriend can't tell me I've sold out, because he's i

n a cult.

And he's not allowed to talk to me.