

## A Nice View

As a neighboring hill I would firstly like to introduce myself and say how happy I have been to share this landscape with you over many years. However, I am writing to inform you of a concern of mine that has become quite prominent over the last couple of weeks.

Put straightforwardly I believe the view that is seen from your perspective, of which I am a dominant part, is slightly misleading – your perception of me so to speak, is incorrect. I think you make me look a little different from what I am - from how I am, or at least from how I feel. Although I have no concrete evidence of this, I can't help but think that this is the case. When I look over at you, you seem so together, so composed and fine. The way you hold yourself in the early morning with the fog draping over your neck like a elegant silk scarf, has an inexhaustible attraction which, if I am to be honest, does nothing but instill deep insecurities.

If you are representing me as I think and making me appear beautiful and grand, than I suppose I should be grateful and thank you. And maybe any other time I would. I am trying my best to appreciate your generosity and good will but the trouble is that I just can't be happy under this pressure. It is a pressure to perform, to be something that I am not - or at least something that I am not all the time - so I can't relax, and thus because of this emotional predicament, I become less appealing, I am sure of it. A circle of self-doubt has been created in which I am sitting, in the middle, impatiently.

The point is that I don't feel as if I live up to your promises. Once the sun has set and my 20mins of glory has deceased I don't feel I have much ammunition to back up your claims, to live up to your idealized projections.

I am sorry if this seems somewhat neurotic and ungrateful. And I should state that it doesn't deter me from composing a picture of

you that is nothing but amazing. But if you could just tone down my aesthetic, make me slightly less impressive, perhaps emphasize the mundane aspects to my character and disguise the splendor....I would feel a lot more comfortable generally.

I appreciate that this may be a little tricky and I don't expect a radical shift, but anything to alleviate the sense that I have to live up to a pre conceived idea would be great.

Thank you,