

Dearest Charley,

“The political is the personal”...my body too was washed by the wave that ‘came in’ with Obama’s declaration of supporting same sex marriage. My curiosity was whetted with the image of young Charley – what words of wisdom would you offer young Charley?

Your pursuits of holding onto possibility and freedom that made itself known to you through your role in ‘Oliver’ – allowed me to bathe in the ocean of possibilities for my cherished younger brother – a gay Muslim man. Living through the change, meeting and loving James; creating those gaps to “love your life”. My work too is “love made visible”.

May your tears echo and touch the lives of others...and the tears of others accumulate to an ocean of possibilities...to touch the shores of young Muslim lives.

Let’s ‘come home’ – and create multiple stories – with beautiful ocean views!

I give thanks for your generosity of sharing.

Sele