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The Earth You Created
by Sydney Painter

*"SUpEr nice video...but in the end if you
can show Jesus resurrected..that's really
show how is truly Jesus Christ.
btw in the future can i see your video as
singspraiston or sharing."
--cary1130*

LEXI's room. Magazines. Girl stuff. Also, a Bible, some trendy Jesus décor.

Piper And your family is totally fine with this?

Lexi They'll get over it. They understand this is really important to me.

Piper You're not gonna miss them? Like on Christmas?

Lexi My parents aren't cool like yours. I'd rather be with the church group.

Piper You're gonna be here for the party though, right?

Lexi I'm not leaving until the 22nd.

Piper Good. It's shaping up to be kinda huge.

Lexi Last year's was pretty epic.

Piper I know. We can top it. *(beat)* I'm really glad you're coming. Everyone is.

Lexi Yeah I guess I haven't been around much.

A beat.

Piper What are you guys gonna do out there?

Lexi Y'know, listen and share. Discuss the Scripture. I'm gonna

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really learn a lot. I gotta catch up.

Piper Well, as a damned soul, I always thought Christmas break was a nice time to be with my family and, y'know, *not* learn.

Lexi Piper, you really need to stop judging things you don't understand. I don't prostillithize to you all the time, saying you're gonna go to Hell and shit, so you can spare me the lecture.

Piper I wasn't going to lecture you. It's just weird: none of our friends are, y'know, religious.

Lexi A lot of our friends make really uninformed choices.

Piper Ok. So. What's it like?

Lexi What? Believing?

Piper No, no, like, what's the church like? Are there other kids there? Like by themselves?

Lexi Totally. The Teen Division is like the biggest one. A lot of kids' parents don't know they go. I really want to hang out with them like outside of church? It's just so much easier. Kids at school are like drama. Like the guys at church are so easy to talk to, and it's just better because you know they're not like gonna try anything. Y'know?

Piper Uh-huh.

Lexi It's just way better.

Piper So that's part of the deal? Like you're, whatever, abstinent?

Lexi Oh yeah that's a huge part of it. We're all saving ourselves. I still get to save myself because rape doesn't count. It wasn't a choice I made; it's happened *to* me.

Piper Right, of course.

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Lexi That's why I feel so much safer around these boys. Like it's been really hard to be comfortable around boys, y'know, since what happened with Tanner. I just don't feel safe.

Piper Lexi. *(beat)* You ever think about telling someone...about what happened with Tanner?

Lexi Like who? All our friends know.

Piper Like, y'know, an adult. Someone who could help somehow.

Lexi Oh yeah well the church has been really supportive! They've been so great for me. And like, remember when I had that creepy stalker?

Piper I remember you telling me about that, yeah.

Lexi Like that, too. They just really make me feel supported. Just like helping me understand that it's not my fault. Like it could have happened to anybody.

Piper Well. Not *anybody*.

Lexi What do you mean?

Piper Nothing.

Lexi No, I want to know. What did you mean by that.

Piper Nothing, just. Tanner was your boyfriend.

Lexi So it's ok?

Piper No, I didn't say that. I just mean he didn't like grab you off the street at random. It wasn't going to be just anybody, it was gonna be – you know what, whatever. Never mind. Forget it. Whatever.

Lexi Piper, I get the feeling you're not a hundred percent supportive

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of this church thing.

Piper No, I guess I'm not.

Lexi Well why not? I'm really happy there.

Piper I just feel like they're encouraging you to, I don't know, dwell.

Lexi Because they give me a safe place to vent about my problems?

Piper It sounds like they give you a safe place to embellish your problems.

A beat.

Lexi I can't go to your party.

Piper But you just said –

Lexi I'm gonna be here, but I can't go. Think about it, genius. I can't be going to your solstice party. What would Jesus say about that?

Piper Oh come on! It's just an excuse for a party; it's not that serious!

Lexi It's Paganism, Piper, and it's very serious.

Piper It's just fun. You know none of us take the Wiccan thing seriously anymore. I really want you to be there.

Lexi I don't ask you to compromise on what you believe in! / I can't go, ok!

Piper You do kinda.

Lexi What?

Piper Nothing.

Lexi I don't demand that you love Jesus. You'll find Him when

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you're ready.

Piper I know. You've been very accommodating to us heathen folk.

Lexi Piper, don't make a joke out of this. Everyone has their own path to Jesus, and it can be really hard when you don't know why you feel so lost. I know what it's like to live in that false life, but you'll find your way out of it.

Piper Lexi, the irony right now is really out of control.

Lexi *(with surmounting patience)* I know sometimes sarcasm is easier. That Wiccan thing was the wrong path to be on. And now that I know that, you can't ask me to validate those lies.

Piper They used to be your lies too. But I guess you have new ones.

Lexi The teachings of Jesus are not lies. / You'll see that someday.

Piper I'm not talking about your Jesus bullshit! I'm talking about your other bullshit.

Lexi I don't know what you're talking about but I think you'd better drop it.

Piper You make things up! You always have. When people aren't impressed enough with the actual story, you just keep adding things. Everyone knows this. / This is a known thing about you.

Lexi "Everyone" who?

Piper But this church thing – I don't know if they're like enabling you or whatever, but it has gotten a lot worse. Some of these things you say, it's not cute anymore. These things could hurt people. People are going to get hurt.

Lexi I don't know what you're getting at, Piper. *I* got hurt. I can't worry about everyone else too.

Piper I'm just gonna say, 'cause someone should: I don't think

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Tanner raped you. I was talking to him and, because he's a teenage boy, the conversation happened to turn to all the sex you guys never had. And I thought that was weird because you said he bragged about it after, y'know, whatever happened happened. And he has no idea why you broke up with him, or that you're saying all these awful things about him. And you always have a reason why, why you never did anything about it. You just bring it up all the time to us. Like for attention. I'm so, so sorry if I'm wrong, but that's what I think.

Lexi How can you say that?

Piper And I don't think you really had a stalker. You could never show us any of the notes 'cause you "got scared" and "threw them away."

Lexi Piper, stop. I would never.

Piper And that time / that you said.

Lexi Piper! I don't lie about things like this!

Piper You said that you were cutting. You had a problem with cutting and you wore long sleeves for like two weeks. And sunglasses – like cutters are extra sensitive to light, whatever. I don't think that was true either.

Lexi So basically you think I lie about everything.

Piper There were never any scars after. I mean, not even like a mark. And, more importantly, if you're a real cutter, you try to hide it. You don't tell everyone you've ever met. I mean maybe you were like giving yourself a papercut here and there just to make it feel true but I don't think you were like, a cutter cutter.

Lexi Ok so why are you friends with me if you think nothing I say is true?

Piper I don't fucking know!

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Lexi Ok then maybe you should leave.

Piper Whatever. *(beat)* I don't think everything you say is a lie. Just some of the bad things that happen to you. It's like you want things to be worse than they are. Like you wish bad things on yourself so hard that you say it out loud. Only maybe it's easier to lie and say these things did happen than to admit that you want them to.

Lexi You think I wanted to get raped?

Piper No, I. Ok, yeah. I guess, yeah. I think you want to *have been* raped. Some part of you wants that.

Lexi You're so sick.

Piper I am?

Lexi You can go now.

Piper Lexi, you're gonna have to clean this mess up some time.

Lexi I said get the fuck out of my room!

Piper Ok fine. You're on your own. I'm done.

She goes.

Lexi Piper!

Nothing.

Lexi *(cont'd)* You're going to Hell y'know!

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