

# I'D RATHER RISE IN LOVE WITH YOU

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I don't want sweet nothings  
whispered in my ears  
I'd rather be confronted by the  
savoury somethings  
That truths communicated – in fullness  
and compassion bring  
I don't want long gazes or to get  
lost in your eyes  
I'd rather have our eyes  
brave exploration,  
Discovering every part of each other –  
Every wrinkle and tint and shade  
Every scar and marking that our  
livings have made  
I don't want to feel I knew you  
in another life  
Or that I dreamed you in my sleep  
I'd rather learn you piece by  
piece in reality  
I'd rather you teach me how  
the you today  
Is better than before  
And I want my new self to love you more,  
As I Love me more  
I don't want to be attached, or taken,  
or spoken for  
I don't want to make each other whole  
I'd rather be two whole beings  
Mind, Body and Soul  
I don't want to believe you do not  
choose who you Love  
That you just know when you do  
Love, to me, is a choice, you wake up  
every day and you choose:  
What you want  
What you need  
Speak your truths to receive

Truths in exchange –  
Past what is perceived  
Past assumptions, to gain knowings  
And to keep Love growing  
It's more than the showings  
It's the clarity in communication  
It's the calm and patience past  
frustrations  
It's the listening and the stillness –  
It's every message from body to breath  
I don't want to fall for you  
Or fall in Love  
Falling is falseness, it's fleeting  
I'd rather rise in love with you  
In ascension  
Without fear and apprehension  
I don't want to sacrifice any part  
of me to make it work  
I want to invest in all of me and all of you  
And give gratitude  
That we empower one another  
in self worth  
I don't want to be possessed  
or bound by Love  
I'd rather be Liberated in Loving  
I'd rather be Love that is Revolutionary  
Love that is Patience  
And Presence  
And Respect  
And Pride  
And Honesty, nothing to hide  
And Attraction  
And Joy  
And Truth  
In every thing we say, show and do  
In Love with you is all of this to me  
And there is no place I would rather be.