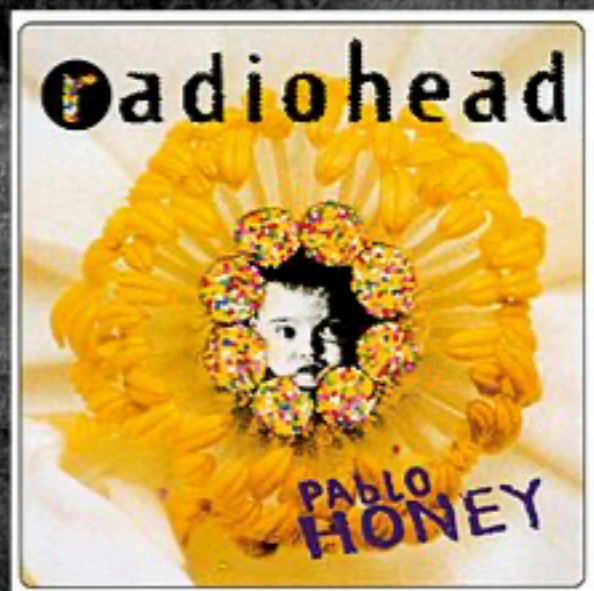




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**THE STORY BENEATH THE STORY**

We're a gaggle of misfits



*I want you to notice  
When I'm not around  
You're so [very] special  
I wish I was special  
But I'm a creep, I'm a weirdo.  
What the [world] am I doing here?  
I don't belong here.  
I don't belong here*

Thus says the LORD:

*“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.*

*Blessed is the man who does this,  
and the son of man who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”*

*vv. 1,2*

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself  
to the LORD say,

“The LORD will surely separate me  
from his people”;

and let not the eunuch say,

“Behold, I am a dry tree.”

vv. 3

For thus says the LORD:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose the things that please me  
and hold fast my covenant,  
I will give in my house and within my walls  
a monument and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that shall not be cut off.

vv. 4, 5

The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
declares,  
"I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered."

v. 8

*I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

John 10:16

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is  
neither slave nor free, there is no male and  
female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Galatians 3:28*



Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

Matthew 19:11,12



Rembrandt, The Baptism of the Eunuch, c. 1626

*For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. . . .*

*Therefore let us go to him outside the camp  
and bear the reproach he endured. For here  
we have no lasting city, but we seek the city  
that is to come.*

Hebrews 13:11-14