

How an Adoptee Reads Literary

# Rejection Letters: a lost and found poem

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Dana, Dear Dana, Dear Danna, Dear Danna Schmidt, Sorry Danna D:

We received your application. We receive too many. All identifying information needs to be removed. Your name should appear only on the application. Your name doesn't matter.

Unfortunately, we are sorry that despite consideration, Adoptee, you were not chosen. You missed finding a home. You don't quite fit our tastes and preferences for a few reasons.

One reason we feel is the time and labor and overtime hours for us. We considered selecting you, but to be honest, we were dumbfounded by how needy you are, so we have decided to pass on you. We believe you might be difficult, not quite right, distracting, and a better fit at another home.

We want you to know that the adjudication committee found your pitch and your act compelling, but we wonder if you are an Adoptee who tries too hard. We understand you crave acknowledgement, attention, and love; but we're sorry to say you lack importance and value, and you simply don't merit acceptance.

This rejection of you as a person is very telling. You should be grateful we considered you. It's entirely possible that others will think you are not a good fit either.

We wish you luck finding a home, a good home, a Mother, your people, a residency with host agencies, or a waitlist placement in the Courthouse line-up.

Here. Have this tip jar. Again, best of luck. You will need it.

Yours Sincerely,

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Child returned from V.T.A. placement. (See memo dated March 9/67)

CHANGE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS: Parent Care \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Ward Care \_\_\_\_\_ Apprehension \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary Ward \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Ward \_\_\_\_\_

ATUS: Non-Ward Care \_\_\_\_\_ Apprehension \_\_\_\_\_ Adornment \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary Ward \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Wardship Cancelled \_\_\_\_\_ Overage \_\_\_\_\_

Date Effective From \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

(To be completed in case of Temporary Wardship, Non-Ward or Adornment)

Money Requested: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

