

# Life issues: Gender... a wish for a future

## ~ Poem Cards & Posters ~

### The Behind Waves series

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#### About the Author, Li Sam

The characters described in this poem card series are in fact Li Sam and her spouse. The poems are all authentic in that Li wrote them as the events in the book *Behind Waves* happened to her.

The first six poems are related to discoveries Li made during the time in her life covered by the book, and the last seven were written as a wish for a future, a wish that in February 2007 turned true.

#### About the Illustrator, Lisa Maynard

Lisa Maynard has found artistic inspiration through these poems. Odd circumstances brought her and Li Sam together, and as the two of them developed this poem card concept it exceeded all their initial expectations and even hopes. From their first talks about simple illustrations, these cards' graphics have become art.

#### About the Editor, Shelly Cox

Mostly editors are not mentioned, but this one played a large role in making these cards come true. Because Li Sam is dyslectic, Shelly's support and their "tug of war" about grammar versus melody have been productive and have created a clearer understanding of the aim of these cards.

US English

A series of 13 cards

Poem cards convey love and a wish for understanding in troubled times. With poem cards, you can express emotions when spoken words are not enough.

### — Colors —



This series of poem cards follows a loving couple's journey through a transition that tested their relationship to an ultimate degree. Their struggle is described through poems and text about the poems.

These cards display beautiful visual art as well, and they offer value through their purpose. They tell about transsexualism and the turmoil of changing gender while offering help through an opportunity to start talking about what long has been taboo (and in some sense still is).

The cards can assist people in the discussion process—spouses, families and friends—and they can open up public discourse in such venues as seminars, lectures, etc.

#### The *Behind Waves* Poster Series

These posters serve as an entry to the larger issue of life: who we are—the soul. Transsexualism is not just about that specific phenomenon; it's about a broader understanding of life, and that includes us all.



This poem card series, a set of 13 cards, have been extracted from the book *Behind Waves*, written by Li Sam. On each card Li Sam has added her personal thoughts, telling you what's behind each poem.

#### Some Words from the Author

The idea behind these poem cards took shape soon after I finished the first manuscript of the story *Behind Waves*. There is a story embedded in each of these poems and it's meant for you to discover. The cards and the posters are there to guide you.

Please enjoy.



Li Sam