

## “Lost Generation” by Jonathan Reed

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and I refuse to believe that  
I can change the world  
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is a lie, and  
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they are not the most important thing in my life  
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