The Gender that's Right for Me

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Lilting $ = 46$

1. I of-ten felt vexed be-cause I was mis-sexed, doomed since my ga-metes first
2. (I) al-ways felt shame, told that I was to blame, "Diff' rent,"and oft-en a-

met_._ But now I re-joice be-cause I've found my voice, and I'm say-ing good-bye to cis-
lone._ Now I've found peace with-in be-cause I've found my kin and a place I feel safe and at

Rubato

Shuffle

1. (And I've no re-gret._ I feel)_____
2. (You are not a-lone._ Don't care)_____
3. (They'll look)_____

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I've realized that I'm a woman,
singing out that I'm a transman,
masculine, fluid and enby,
(I've come out and)
(I've come out and)
(femme)____

One of the guys and my heart,
(a-gender, queer, welcome home,
(One of the guys, my
(gen - der - queer, we're
out)____

I will shout, affirming my identity,
how it cries, "At last! I finally feel free."
glad you're here! And allies(?), you're welcome here, too.

I will shout,
it cries,
glad you're here,____

I wanted you to know, man,
Listen up while I explain, man,
Don't be shy, go on and speak, out.
(I'm done)
(Let me say)
(No one)____

1. (I'm out;
2. (One guy's heart
3. (All queers are

...
Given that humans like to pride ourselves on being distinctly intelligent, creative, unique, and individual creatures, it is absurd how so many adhere to the colonial, patriarchal myth that every person is immutably born as one and only one of two and only two genders based solely on certain visible physical features.

Furthermore, as many people in this room undoubtedly know, asserting this idea, which has been disproved by geneticists, neurologists, psychologists, sociologists, and historians can cause individuals that do not conform to social norms irreparable harm: A variety of statistics, from the attempted suicide rate of trans identified people to the number of murders of trans people of color, are certainly cause for alarm; but...
that's not why we're here! This is a "Festival", and for the next two days let's take the opportunity that coming together gives us to celebrate. Here, in the safety of each other's arms, let us explore the many glorious ways in which being trans is great!

Here, let us fearlessly share with each other and help each other discover and proudly claim our own unique, valid, and unashamed voice. Here, let us sing, speak, laugh, cry, and (society forbid!), rejoice!

And, for all of you cis–gender allies, we are happy to report, That if you take this opportunity to listen to us, you'll learn some best practices for providing your friends and students much–needed support.

We thank you all for coming, whether you are cis–, trans–feminine, trans–masculine, or you find that over time your gender varies, are genderqueer, have no gender at all, or are one of our beautiful non–binaries!

Time to sing out, show the world there's no doubt of the gender that's right for me. he, she, they, we.