



The Duality of John Lennon

The day John Lennon died, I was 4 years old.
I remember my mother crying and thinking to myself:
"This man must have been important if my mother is upset
and she has never met him".
And because of that day, I took interest in John Lennon.
The older I've gotten, the more John Lennon's music means to me.
John Lennon was *THE* musical poet of the 20th Century.
His words were amazing and his meaning was simple and beautiful.
But as I get older, I think less of him as a man. He was not a very good father to Julian.
Every man who has children must put his children ahead of everything else in life.
So, being a father, when I think of John Lennon, I think of his wonderful ideals and his beautiful
music.
I think of the how he was a horrible father to one child but not the other.
And I have the childish realization that our heroes aren't perfect.
I am faced with the fact that he was a contradiction but I accept that.
Such is the duality of all mankind.
He will always be one of my favorite artists and an example of how not to be a father.
I am sad that he was struck down before his time.
And even though I never met the man, I can say honestly that I do miss him.

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