

# BEAUTIFUL EQUALITY COMES TO MARRIAGES IN AMERICA



Love will  
find a way,  
and it  
finally has.  
There are  
many, many  
friends I am  
thinking of  
right now,  
and they all  
know exactly  
who they are.  
Congratulations,  
and it

was far too long coming. Here is the opinion.

## EQUALITY

There is so much to say, that it is hard to know what to actually say. There are many quotes like this one, but it is indicative of the decision:

“laws excluding same-sex couples from the marriage right impose stigma and injury of the kind prohibited by our basic charter.”

What I don't find in the majority decision, as wonderful as it is, is discussion of heightened scrutiny, strict scrutiny, or other clear cut, across the board protection for the status of sexual identity. And that is disappointing. Also why I cried bit when SCOTUS, two years ago to this very day, callously refused to take the incredibly wonderful tee shot that Vaughn Walker gave them in the Proposition 8 case previously.

I guess the handwriting was on the wall when even the old liberal lion Steve Reinhardt, a man I have met, and a judge I truly love and revere, pulled up short and did not have the balls to

take the root concept of sexual identity  
"equality" where it naturally flowed when he had  
the pen in his wise hand. But he didn't then,  
and his old friend Tony Kennedy has not today.

So, while there is so much to cheer right this  
moment, we, and this country, are still far from  
where we need to be with regard to inclusion of  
all our citizens in the concept of equality. It  
is more than black and white, it is straight,  
gay and trans too. We are all on this patch of  
earth together, and we all are equal, and that  
needs to be admitted legally by the highest  
court in the land and understood by all the  
people it serves.

So, there are still miles to be traveled. Let  
the four, count them four, spittle laced,  
bigoted, backwards, and disgusting dissents in  
the *Obergefell* decision speak for themselves.  
Honestly, they make me want to puke. For all  
that were celebrating the enlightened liberal  
thought of Chief Justice John G. Roberts  
yesterday, today is a rough reminder of who and  
what he really is. And you really have to read  
Scalia and Alito to understand the fucked up  
pathology of the dissenters. Wow.