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Alaska's Wilderness

The beautiful mountaintops that loom overhead and the gentle rustle of the wind in the trees makes a person feel at home with the world, with all nature. Love is not strong enough in meaning to express how I feel about nature or the home of nature, Alaska. My only wish is that I could describe such beauty but I can't. My love lies in the feeling of adventurous stupidity in your heart, the feeling that your the only living person on Earth and the unique wildlife, which makes up the mystical Alaska.

Natures warm embrace can sometimes make you lose yourself and become nature. When I made my first and only trip to Alaska I felt like nature was inside me and I was the only person alive in this world. Most people would shy away from this loneliness but I am not a sociable person and would welcome it with open arms and a smile upon my face. The reason I love a place that can make you feel so alone is that I get to experience the wonder of not having to worry about what I look like or what my friends think of me. The point is that Alaska allows you to be yourself and lets you experience the most wonderous thing on this planet, nature.

That one feeling, however, is not enough to make Alaska such a dear

place in my heart. No, more than anything else its the sense of adventure I hold sacred to Alaska. Maybe there is something in the air that makes people foolishly brave like they're ready for anything. I wish I only knew the answers but I don't. The only thing I do know is that you feel emboldened and ready to try the impossible tell you can try no more. It's a feeling some people spend a lifetime looking for and I stumbled upon it on a simple vacation. Its my main reason for loving Alaska so much and for wishing I could only stay a while longer.

However, there is one bigger reason to Alaska holding such charm about it. That special thing that I would give anything for are the wildlife. These aren't any normal wildlife either but so amazingly different it would take years to understand how they think. In one case my family got within 30ft. of a grizzly bear and it just looked at us with casual boredom! In another case we saw a linx that I bonded to in such a dramatic way I never thought possible. It was like I was the linx and the linx was me and when that bond disappeared it was like part of me had gone with the linx. A memory like that makes my bond with Alaska unbreakable and mystical and I still struggle to understand all its wonders.

One day I solemnly hope to live in this endless paradise but until then I am happy with the memories. The adreniline rush, the bonds with the animals, and the feeling that I am the only surviving human being are only a few of the good memories and reason I love Alaska. Hopefully I will one day return to this land that in my heart I call home.

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England

I have always wanted to a far away place. The scenery of England has always drawn my attention. I would like to even travel there ~~the~~ ~~to~~ just to learn. There are three reasons I would like to visit England the scenery, to learn, and to travel far away.

Firstly I would like to ~~tre~~ go to England for the scenery. I have always loved castles. Old monuments and buildings have interested me since I was a little girl. All of the things in England are just so exiting and interesting that you can't ever see it all.

The next reason I want to go to England is to learn. I would really like to learn about castles and ~~of~~ old monuments there. Kings and queens are a ~~vere~~ very special part of Englan's proud history and ever since I was a little ~~girl~~ I have dreamed of becoming a queen. I could never learn

everything but I would really love to try. England has so much to its history and so many things to learn that it is like a vacume sucking me and many others into it.

The third and final reason I would like to visit England is just to travel far away. Ever since I went to Florida at the age of six I have wanted to go on long trips to far away places I love learning new things and traveling to a far away place is one of the best ways to do so. I think it is neat to know you are in a brand new place and not be able to choose what you want to do first. When you are there it is breathtaking and almost too much to take in.

In conclusion learning, ~~scenery~~ scenery, and just the sake of traveling far away are why I would like to visit England. For most people the beautiful scenery and the many things to learn are ~~enough~~ enough of a reason to go. For others it is just getting to travel far away to get away from their problems. If you ever decide to go on a trip just remember what I have told you here in this paper, and go to England.

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There are many places where I would like to go. I want to go to Ireland. The reason I want to go to Ireland is because my grandpa's mom and dad lived in Ireland.

For my mom's 40th birthday we might go to Ireland, I would be six-teen then. Every year my mom's best friend from Elementry School named Jamie, and her daughter Andie, come down from Seatle and ~~come down~~ go to our house in Wilder, Idaho. Jamie, Andie, my mom, my brother Mathew, my sister Ellie, and I all go on a really big trip.

We've been to a lot of places, Colorado, Nevada, Washington, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington D.C., Florida, California, Texas, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Maine, and Mexico. So, in four years we are going to drive

to New York, take an airplane to Ireland, and take a cruise back to the United States.

The reson we are driving to New York is because on September 11th, 2000, When I was five years old, we were going to go to New York to visit my grandparents. We should have died that day. We almost stepped on that plane that almost hit the Twin Towers A or B. Luckily, I got the flu and barfed on the floor of the air port. I'm to young to remember this, except for barfing everywhere. So, When I'm sad or I'm not getting What I want, my mom always tells me just to be thankful that I got sick that day. that was adversity.

Going to Ireland scares me, I'm excited, but What if the plane crashes on the way to Ireland because the pilot had a heartattack. Or What if the boat sinks on the way back. Something bad could happen any second and you wouldn't expect it to happen, but you won't like it.

A lesson everyday you should think about when you feel bad or dont get what you want, is to be grateful that you can live to see today.

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I want to visit the Ogean coast a gean. Becacse It is Beautful. It is nice and quit. It has a Beautful sandy Beatch. Evere Body is nice. Pritty much. I love the Ogean coast. I like to find sea shell. I like to poke The star fish.