

## ***Why Can't It Just Be Okay***

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Why can't it just be okay  
Routine  
Mundane  
Another medical procedure that we accept  
Can sometimes be necessary,  
Life saving,  
Difficult -  
But not always.  
Not every end to a pregnancy is sad  
Some pregnancies end in joyous birth  
Some end with grief for what could have been  
Some end with a sigh of relief  
Freedom to be a parent or not to be  
Freedom to choose one's path in life  
Abortion is an act of love  
Abortion is common  
Safe  
Should not be an undue burden to access  
Why can't it just be okay  
The story of abortion is made to be  
Black and white  
Good vs evil  
When it is simply a part of life  
Part of a person's reproductive journey  
Part of being a human  
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