

## Fat and Naked

Laura Aguilar was the first naked fat body I ever saw in a museum  
The first naked brown queer body like my own  
the first naked fat body I ever saw besides my own  
before I loved my body  
before I knew I could love it  
before I knew I was beautiful  
before I knew my queer nonbinary self was valid  
before I even considered that it was possible to love my fat body  
I stood there staring at the picture of a fat naked brown lesbian  
unable to move  
in awe of this magnificent human  
A fat body, naked out in the open for everyone to see  
I tried to imagine what it would feel like to be as free as she was naked, queer and fat  
I wanted to reach through the picture and ask her how she did it  
how was she able to be fat and naked in front of a camera and show the world  
I wanted to be free like her.  
That day I believed that maybe someday I could love my naked queer fat body too.  
Now years later I'm here, this is my someday, today in this moment I know what it feels like to  
unapologetically love my whole self.  
I'm queer  
I'm non-binary  
I'm brown  
I'm fat  
And I love myself  
Visibility matters  
Laura Aguilar, your art helped me heal and love myself.  
Gracias por tu valor y grandeza.  
Cuir, no binarie, morene, gorde y me amo completamente gracias a ti.

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