

“meeting you where i’m at” (frog husband to frog wife)

To my wife—

I’m trying to meet you where I’m at
instead of leap-frogging past myself
into a future where I’m more
talented or kinder or a better frog husband.
Because I don’t want to be dishonest with you.
And I think I’ve been frog-kicking myself
in the face by ignoring my now self to pretend
I’m this better frog self that I’m not at all—
not that I will never be that self in the future,
but that’s not me now, and it’s not fair to
create this expectation and then feel like I
have to live up to it when it was a frog fantasy
in the first place. I guess I just didn’t want
you to know how *unhappy* I am with myself,
because I was worried you wouldn’t like me.
Though if I’m being honest there are times when
I don’t like you and it would still *ribbit* my heart out
to share my lilypad with anyone else. But anyways.
I make a lot of mistakes and don’t know how
to deal with your frog feelings sometimes,
and I’m not a prince like another frog might be.
But I can at least not pretend to be a frog I haven’t
even given myself the chance to become.
At the end of the day, all I want to do is meet
you where I’m at *toad-ally* and completely.
Warts and all. Because, Lily, I love you.
And I *hop* you will
still
love me.