

# Ugly Pretty

I'm very ugly  
So don't try to convince me that  
I am a very beautiful person  
Because at the end of the day  
I hate myself in every single way  
And I'm not going to lie to myself by saying  
There is beauty inside of me that matters  
So rest assured I will remind myself  
That I am a worthless, terrible person  
And nothing you say will make me believe  
I still deserve love  
Because no matter what  
I am not good enough to be loved  
And I am in no position to believe that  
Beauty does exist within me  
Because whenever I look in the mirror I always think  
Am I as ugly as people say?

(Now read bottom up)

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Now practice your own story/poem that reads two different ways when read top to bottom, then bottom to top. Use “Pretty Ugly” as a guide, but do not copy/steal the ideas from “Pretty Ugly.”