

## Be Love Essay

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Love. A simple word, but it can do so much. Love is so powerful, sometimes it is even hard to imagine. Sometimes people even think that love is gone. But it's always there, you just have to keep looking.

On August 28, 1963, a man named Martin Luther King Jr. gave a speech. This speech was called "I have a dream." Although Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech did talk about ending racism in the United States, it also did talk about one other thing. It talked about love.

Love doesn't always have to be something you do. In fact, you can actually be love. What does that mean? Be the love in someone else's life. You don't need to give it to them in words, that's not the only way. Make someone else smile. Be the light in someone else's day. Maybe if your dad had a long day at work, make him a card and say thanks for his hard work. Is your sister going through a hard time at school? Give her a hug and remind her of her strength. These small things can make a big difference.

It might seem difficult to be love at first. Complicated. Hard to understand. Google docs even corrected "be love" when I first typed it. It corrected it to "be in love."

I assume it's wonderful to be in love. But I know it's also wonderful to be love. It gives you an amazing feeling in your heart. It shows you other people being happy and joyful. And it's because of you. That's the best feeling of all.

I have an example for you. I just met my best friend this year. On my birthday, she showed up with a gift for me. Even though we just met, she knew how to be love so much that she got that gift for me.

One way you and I can pledge to be love is to let all know that love is in the air. It's like I said at the beginning of this essay, love is always there, sometimes you just have to keep looking.