

# ... How I feel affects other people!!!



At the beginning of any new relationship you have 2 entities that are not completely sure they can trust the other - yet!

Any situation involving change can be applied to this poem.

## TWO SCARED

See, I don't know  
what you think  
I might do to hurt you,  
that could be worse  
than what I don't know  
you might do to hurt me.

But I'd be happy  
to open up  
and lay all my cards  
on the table  
in an effort to make  
you more comfortable  
and give us  
the chance to better  
understand one another  
and our fears,  
If you'll go first.

And what of that new relationship?  
What makes it so hard for us to "go first?"  
It's the experiences in our past relationships.  
Experiences that we choose to call 'pain'  
rather than 'lessons.'

Be sure to reread this poem replacing the word 'baggage'  
with 'lessons.'

## BAGGAGE CLAIM

Actually, if you aren't carrying  
any baggage from your past,  
we may not have as much in common  
as we thought. . .

For as surely as you have parents  
who had parents  
who were born unto parents  
who were sons and daughters  
of someone born into an imperfect world  
after being conceived by a woman  
who knew a man  
who had an opinion. . .

Your bags can be picked up  
At Carousel #1