

Torn and Tattered

As a nation,
As a race,
As an individual,
We are torn and tattered.
Torn and tattered is what makes us one.
The cruel moments.
The pleasant moments.
The over opinionated.
The over relinquished.
Those we have loved and those we detest.
Is what makes us all torn and tattered.
Torn and tattered can bring us
hope
happiness.
grief.
heartache.
Experience.
Torn and tattered can make us experts.
Torn and tattered is what makes one unique.
We may deny or accept
But It's the thing that connects us all.

— *Cyndi Smith*