

## John Lennon on his greatest pain

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In case you don't already know, John Lennon was raised by his aunt Mimi, his mother's eldest sister, for many years. He didn't move back in with his mother until he was a teenager.

Fostered by his aunt – that was nice, wasn't it? What does John Lennon say about this?

**"The worst pain is that of not being wanted, of realizing your parents do not need you in the way you need them. When I was a child I experienced moments of not wanting to see the ugliness, not wanting to see not being wanted. This lack of love went into my eyes and into my mind."**

(The Beatles Anthology, by The Beatles, Hong Kong 2000, 7.)

Ah, we see once again: Adoption or foster care is not the problem, not being wanted is the problem. That hurts!