

# Dear Water

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Dear Water,

Please come and never go,

Your presence brings us highs and little lows.

They say Nevada is devoid of water,

To that I say how do we exist?

The desert is a dry place,

however, for everywhere, that is not the case.

I was not born Nevadan, in fact far from it.

Hailing from Hawaii, I've seen and experienced a plenitude of water.

A connoisseur if you will, I can inform you Nevada has excellent water.

As a child looking down the curved fortitude of Hoover Dam,

There was water.

Not just that, but lots of it holding three huge chunks of snowmelt rivaling glaciers.

Not just water, but H<sub>2</sub>O in two different forms.

What about the Colorado?

The life force of eight states, as the sole reason for the existence of Boulder City, Las Vegas & Laughlin- the latter two I lived in.

Look at its glory and feel its strength. Our southern tip is at the end of its powerful life cycle, yet it continues to have the strength to carve mountains.. If not for the Colorado, what would separate us from that Horrid Arizona.

If there is no water, how does Walker Lake, Pyramid Lake, the Truckee River, Lake Tahoe, Gold View, Cal-Nev-Ari, the Colorado River and every place in between exist?

Do the Sierras magically keep away the snow and rain from its Nevada side? If so, how did my car slide on ice, hitting a ballard and denting its front end in Reno?

If not for water how shall we exist? As Nevadans, water is not only an experience, but a way of life. Water this, water that, what are we doing to save water? From Tahoe to the Colorado, we would not exist as a state without water.

**WE MUST SAVE WATER!!!!!!**

- From nA Nevadan, not of birth, but of love for the state