**Reader Response 2**

Broken Vietnamese Blossom

The story, “Fairy Tale,” by Robert Olen Butler, in my opinion, is a written reflection on the naivety many young women face. The fact that the main character Miss Noi was not from American originally exclusively contributed to her naivety, because she was not quite used to America, as oppose to her homeland Vietnam. She came to America with her boyfriend and a dream to be a, “Housewife with a toaster machine and a vacuum cleaner,” (Butler, para. 4) but was rudely awakened when reality struck that she and her love weren’t so much alike as they would prefer. However, despite all of the misfortune, Miss Noi always seems to stay positive through all of it.

In the beginning, it was exciting to see her take a stand and go to New Orleans to start a new life, but then she became a bargirl and turned to prostitution, which is what she did at home in Vietnam. Miss Noi was living a horrible life in a terrible part of town, but, despite all of that, I could see that she kept herself positive through all of it. For example, in the story she mentions the apartment she is living in like so, “You have to walk into the alley and then you go up the three floors and I have a place where all the shouting and the crying and sometimes the gunfire in the street sounds very far away,” (Butler, para. 5), but later on in the story she comments on the positive things such as, “I have a double bed with a very nice sheet. Two pillows. A cedar closet with my clothes, which are very nice,” (Butler, para. 6). Then she meets Mr. Fontenot, who strikes up a conversation at the bar she works at. It made me happy for Miss Noi when I realized that he loved her and traveled far just to see her. I was overjoyed when he later proposed to her and fulfilled her dream of becoming a housewife. Therefore, despite all of the horrible things that Miss Noi faced during her life she ended up living out her fairytale in the end.