

#POETRY

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Author's Note

This is a straightforward, bare-boned collection compiling poetry I posted on my Instagram account between January 1st and July 17th, my 25th birthday—as they were chronologically written and posted so have they been arranged here.

Topic matter varies, with love and passion being a mainstay, but also more ambiguous works and the occasional less-positive piece as well. Mind that the subjects of these poems also differs; I do write about ex's, as a form of release as opposed to bottling the words. Words of admiration have erratic focus as well; ultimately only I know the muse for each piece, most of the time.

I always wrote these on my phone, as they came to me, so improvisation was key to most of them. A few weeks into January, I began accompanying my original poetry with photographs borrowed from other accounts, always attributing credit. Here you will get the rawness in text, as well as its original justification.

The cover for this was taken by Lucero, an Instagram follower, whose account is @orecul13. Many of her photos influenced and backdropped some of my poems throughout the year, so I saw it apt to use a fresh one for the cover.

I welcome all forms of feedback. Thank you for your interest.

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2014

Beautiful night
Ugly day
Your eyes, your lips
My nothing
Your love, your hate
My everything
Beautiful day
Ugly night
Your words, your voice
My nothing
Your mind, your craze
My everything

2

The Hunted

He slinks beneath the canopies

Verdant but dark, menacing shadows
Forming around every bough
He doesn't fear their manifestation
He arms himself, he is never alone
They gnash and claw at him
But he's starting to think there's more
To their presence, more to them
Than he's been led to believe
They are animals as much as he is
But those trespassing, are monsters
It was time he chose the right side
Even if his roots are on the wrong

3

Because I Loved Her

A ghost slithers across the floorboards
Her skin a beautiful pallor, livid irises
A whisper snakes its way into my brain
Her voice like syrup tinged with toxin
A premonition sinks into my chilled flesh
Her presence a lilted lamentation of love

4

Change of Plans

Fierce eyes pierce me

Bleed me dry, I ask why
But I did this to myself, selfish
Her desires and my fires
So pathetic, we were diabetic
Feasting on our sweetness
This isn't love, my dove
This is that thing we dream of
And that's as fine as wine
But I'm done with the one-way run
I want that street where we meet
Like adders on my Ladder
We'll carry each other out of hair situations
And trip into backflips
That land me in your heart
Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?

5

Self-Reconstruction

Abandoned by two people
Who called me a great friend
Left to rot away in a rut of silence
Like carrion in a muddy ditch
Instead of falling prey to
The weakness they shed unto me
I should be strong and prove
That I can stand taller alone
But I won't be proving it to them
They don't deserve the recognition
Instead I prove only to myself
It's either that or annihilation
And I've been there long enough

6

Just Another

A solution in the eyes of beauty
Raindrops fall like iris swirls
They're toying with my sanity
The woman before me unfurls
Without a word spoken we crumble
Together or apart it's hard to tell
That look of hers pits me in a stumble
Is this a marvel or just another spell?

7

Respectfully Not Yours

I remember when mountains ranged across your heart
And forests canopied your brow
You were an enigma at best
Seen by others as a curse
But I saw the oceans in your eyes
A color unmistakably impossible
And the tattered silk skin most men would die for
So I turned my back to live for it
I hope your heart has healed
And the glass feet have solidified

8

Drifter

She came drifting back
Like a boomerang over the seas
Smiles bouncing trampolines
Wet supernova eyes
I found her sailing the winds
When I smelled the fire blazing
Treetops swayed
With every breath she took
And I felt lightning bolts inside
When she came drifting back

9

Trenches

Her eyes dug trenches
In his palpable hatred
The sorrow lifted in spirals
But he hung on, a nonbeliever
So she gave him smiles
And he felt the cage rippled
This cannot be, he said
This cannot be

10

Youlogy

She found him one day as he had found her love
Bled out onto a blank page
For all to see and judge
He had used neither razor nor knife
But the same pen dedicated to his life
Making it speak and sing
When all else would sting
And so she had found him
Amid all that had once been

11

Feral Spirit

She was a wolf in wolf's clothing
There was nothing sheepish about her
She had lupine eyes
With a beautiful ferocity
And a feral spirit that refused docility
But she was loving as she was strong
A wild disposition
And innate cunning
She was a force of nature
That I wanted to reckon with

12

blegh

Destroyer of the clouds
Bled out from within
Melancholy incarnate
Insanity broken down
A breath of dying humanity
Uttered with a growl
Reminding me of origins
Not lost to illusion

13

#MCM

When she held me in her eyes
I'd fall apart under her hands
Against lips came tidal waves
Of confidence in sheer breath
 No mirrors to falsify
The way she made me appear
 The way she made me feel
 Damn do I miss being him

14

Part 1 of 2

She wants everything
But she will only have something
Because it's better than nothing
The shame is that you don't exist to her
But of course she's all in your world
Just not in your realm
And when she realizes it, trust me
She'll have found part one of two
To the answer of a life-long equation
So stop losing Z's over her because
You will never own her heart
It's not anyone's to own but herself
And that's the damnedest shame

15

However Aberrant

Exuded from the cracks of mortality
Absolved in the twisting shadows
It finds its sinuous path beneath us
Glistening from a life of impurity
I envy its mindset, however aberrant
Its every move more lustful than you
I pray each night for it to rise

And swallow these moral cries

16

Something or Nothing

For someone who can
Have anything
Who am I to try and be
Your everything?

17

Welkin

An angel dances across the sky
Without her wings
Now I honestly don't believe in
These kind of things
But the beautiful human spirit
Can be surprising

18

Pallor

An auburn snake across the skin
I found the answer in a mirror
Your face smiled but your reflection laughed
I drew my hands down your valleys
To watch the animals run free
A dash of sunlight through the gauzy curtain
Sprinkled light across your beauty
I found more every time I looked
Like song from my eyes beckoned
By the notes in your every breath

19

You Wore My Heart Like A Fucking Joke

As my heart dripped down your sleeve
You laughed at its palpitations
I gave you my everything
But all you could do was take, rapacious
Your element of recycling was depleted
And every time I bled for you
You found it educational
To loosen the tourniquet some more
With those blasphemous eyes

20

Closure

I got a letter from you today
It expressed your apologies
And hoped for forgiveness
Eleven months of silent severance
I reluctantly opened the envelope
But thankful that I did
Now I can forgive, hoping to forget
Our times with and away
I've spoken enough of you
Out of spiteful poetry
Now I can finally move on
And stitch up that wound

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Ignor(ance)

Ripped open and exposed
Entrails on your fingertips
Entertainment or just boredom?
A reason I'll never know
I bled words at your lips
Only to be the one abandoned

22

New Wings

He painted his dreams with light
So that he could see in the dark
He heard the swarms in flight
Were they monsters of the murk
Coming to devour his serenity
Or just reminders of his sanity?
He would battle for the peace
Grow his own feathers if he must
Until he no longer felt their teeth
And returned them all to dust

23

Destin(y)ation

My heart's search party
Led me to this place
I can taste brine in the air
And hear mirth float skyward
Love is distant but palpable
This is where I belong
It's a source of equilibrium
I've longed for too long

24

Shattered

A drop and a crash, I spilled into your hands

Cold and jagged like broken ice glass
I could taste the blood but why couldn't you?
Or did you like it so much it made you glow?
I may never know but I can only hope
That thinking about me makes you shudder
Whether good or bad, in one way or another

25

Portal to Nowhere

There's no escaping this
I'm stuck here forever
I can look out my window
But all I see is nothing
It's all-encompassing
And my lungs are shyest
Breathing makes it worse
I desire more than this
But I'm meant for nothing

26

A Beautiful Escape

She found beauty in the sounds
They washed over her when everything else was gone
And the silence of art filled her soul with tranquility
Up lifted the bars to a conscience previously lost

To a sky that shivered
For words she was at a loss

27

Write Away

I want to write away the gray
I want to dive into the new waves
Let them wash off my mistakes
Let them replace me entirely
What do you say?

28

Long Strides

A venture into the unknown
I open my skeletal wings to fly
But all I can do is be shown
The path ahead of me is mine
I must bleed to make it a part of me
And I'm willing to do anything to
Accomplish everything

29

Filling New Shoes

I was gone when they found me in town
Searching and falling through the ground
Now my time is up and I can smile
It screams high and wide for miles
The ghosts chasing me can finally dissipate
There's nothing left for them to mutilate

30

Postrise

My enemies have names, faces, voices
They are sure to live happy lives
Probably with more from the knives
They've plunged into my back
But it's not about them and their choices
The more that it is, the weaker I get
And the happier they become
Whether or not they know if I'm dead
Or still breathing, it isn't about them
What matters is not the way they made me fall
But how I rise after I've put them behind me

31

Gateway

I wasn't lying
When I said I was dying
Rebirth can be beautiful
And I'll see to it
That my dreams are fulfilled
Once I've set aflame
My tarnished name

32

Her

It swam toward me
Like a wraith in air
Skin so impeccable
And a smile, beautiful
Eyes that could pierce steel
But instead they sought me
Dissecting and deceiving
I folded, into its arms
I asked for forgiveness
Because I knew my mistake
Before it even swallowed me
But forgiveness, not yet
Or else it won't take me

Or else she'll just turn away

33

Loved To Death

He read her pages like braille
It was true love without fail
But their stitches were loose
Hearts yearning for the noose
Only the hurt might understand
Why they feared a wedding band
Waves crashing above their heads
If only their scars could be shed
As easily as they had once come
But they refused to be undone
Even if it meant a slow death
Love escaped every breath

34

Like Memos

The soul in her eyes
Bled me free
From a prison
Her absence formed
She laid there
Looking at me lazily

I could feel her
Swimming in my veins
Oceans of comfort
I melted still
And forever, in eyes
Like memos
That say I'm not utterly
Worthless

35

Coming Storm

The winds are pushing me nearer the edge
I can feel the fear clawing my insides
A thunderhead clouds my conscience
But the rain sweeps my heart off the ground
Should I fall in this storm, I might not rise
There's no fight to give against inevitability
A deep breath and the winds shall pull me
Nearer the edge, fearing a lot less
Thunder rumbles, my conscience smiles

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Shadow of How

What am I but a shadow
Of doubt?

A shred of scarred
Diffidence
Searching for a purer
Way out
Of this mind-boggling
Existence
What am I but a question
Of how?

37

Enrapt(ure)

This is the day we all die
Please don't you cry
I can feel our souls shifting, the static
Why would you want to fight it?
It's a beautiful day for the first time
At last, everything is mine
Including your galactic eyes
On this day when pain dies

38

Slow Blink

She blinks like magma
Drives like rabies
Her claws are sunken

I'm not going anywhere
Why would I dare
When I'm being devoured
By her molassic eyes?
Every motion, acid
I don't care where, girl
Just take me there
Even when I beg no

39

Sticks & Stones

I feel alive with something
That makes you feel like
Death
It's blood in my veins
But you make it feel hollow
Like I could, maybe, perhaps
Fly
Whatever your flaw
I seem to make it throb
So please hate me, I can't die
With this feeling

40

Emotional Income

Our hearts are definitely few, broken down walls to accrue
A love I have long since lost, now I'm left to feel the cost
Of spending so much attention on a person of lesser motion
I scream for emotional income while my strength is undone
I scream for emotional income
I pray that one day it will come

41

Not A(muse)d

I was foolish to believe
That she could be my muse
So now that I don't exist
To someone who helped me persist
I seal my eyes shut and
Open my mind as to remind myself
That the best inspiration
Doesn't even have a face

42

Simply Put

I recall the night we spent
Staring at the ceiling if not
Basking in each other's gaze
Backs melting to the sheets
As placating sounds filled us

In the form of Tool and Deftones
Permeating the room with love
At least that's what I felt with you
As much as I try, and trust me I do
I cannot seem to banish that memory
So it haunts me still, but also does it
Comfort me, because it's something
I had always dreamed of doing
In all its simplicity, I suppose
That's why you drifted away

43

Off and On, All the Time

Stand in the dark long enough
And colors will bleed through you
I found my place in the deepest niche
Meanwhile your cries escaped me
A creature birthed and died at once
I don't know her name as of yet
But I feel her claws in my skull
Every time I extinguish the light

44

Winter Came

A great cold seizes his throat

He can no longer call her name
The pain screams for relief
But all he can do is suffer
The dry silence of an absence
In his life and his heated chest
The seasons are as unforgiving
As her exile could ever be
So he stands and freezes over
Knowing still that he loves her

45

Ragged Memory

I bury your eyes in the moonlit skies
The ocean wants you but I won't bend
A star drops and you feel so afar
In which song have I gone so wrong
As to release you from my peace?
Now the universe is at your pursed lips
And I'm just a ragged memory
To all of your jagged devilry

46

New World, Same Person

You've found a new world which isn't to your liking
Because I'm no longer in it

So you hope and pray that
The clocks will bleed out and our hands will reunite
But I'm here to say it's too late
I hate part of myself for staying in this world you exiled me to
Though the love in strength to not wither back to you
Is a treasure I cherish

47

Mightier than the Sword

I wrote my way into her heart
A dark chamber of untold fathoms
Verses paved my path deeper
Where I found a scarred ambition
That made mine feel like Disneyland
She was not unscathed, she was
Beautiful in more ways than one
But her valves were coagulated
She'd only listen to my spilled ink
So I bled my pen dry like my veins
Hoping she'd rise for all she's worth

48

Exacerbation

The point of no return struck

When I tasted her sanguine lips
Skin like ambrosia to my fingertips
I wanted to make love, she said fuck
So we redefined the act of passion
I fell hard for eyes that unfastened
At the sight of my everything
So I buckled to give her something
She couldn't swallow so easily
But I was a fool to believe my heart
Couldn't fit through unhinged jaws

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Al(eye)ve

Piercing the night
Its stars are so bright
But her eyes are higher
There's something fierce
In every single blink
That takes me to the brink
I don't want to withdraw
She makes me fall, fast
Into her gaze's maw
I wish this would last

50

MusicOfTheSoul

Oh my god, that voice
I will melt into your skin
The way you pull mine apart
Eviscerate my dreams
Every night in the dark
I crumble at your whisper
Oh my god, that touch
Keep your hands to yourself
And sing me into a tomb
For the first time
All over again, babe

51

Think Tank

I sit on the edge of my think tank
Below me the waters rise and fall
There is a gossamer sheen to it
Suggesting a depth of many fathoms
Would you like to see them ripple?
Would you care to make a splash
While I conjure new methods
To all of our gradual acts of drowning?
Please say yes, please come swim
In a place I could never control

52

Bad Things Happen To Good People

The galaxies are bleeding from your eyes
I've waited my lifetime for this moment
The things I've done are finally rewarded
Karma is beautiful and you're living proof
I only wish this kiss wasn't all in my head

53

With A Purpose

With every stroke of the pen
And press of the key
The blood flows less freely
From that slow-healing wound
An eye stumbles over
And the heart likes to read
But when I create
A world or character or emotion
I would much rather see
And feel that which helps me

54

Take Me There

Please
Follow me
Into quicksand
Just take my hand
Let's float on the breeze
Into the limitless and upended
Through the seamless and infinite

55

Eyes Second To Heart

My flaws scream in your face
Two decades of failures bury you
From a world I called my own
You think you'll set me free
With your obvious accusations?
I laugh at my greatest moments
Why should I fall to your knees
When all I've known is a mirror
Whose cracks are uglier than you?
Yes you are beautiful, I am ghastly
But your aftertaste is stale
I, however, will leave them wondering
Just what in the hell hit 'em

56

False Idol

Death on your lips
World at your fingertips
Eyes sharper than skin
Rippling with passion
Cavity in your chest
Not worth my best

57

Shadows & Nerves

All I am are shadows and nerves
Can you see the lines in between?
I would die to save my verve
Believe that it would survive unseen
Under a light cast across us
We want to drift somewhere feral
Past your eyes so relentless
And expand into that sweet renewal

58

Frivolous Words

A miracle of sight and sound
But without word it goes unsaid
Maybe it's better this way
So I apologize for ruining it
But I can't live without elaboration
I see eyes first and then lips
A smile however subtle, sky-high
But my flaw is I interpret too much
And I wish I could write mountains
About your gleaming oceans
But all I have are words
Futile, fruitless, frivolous words

59

Waves of New

Waves of new seize me with briny fingers
I'm thrown into the air, feeling exalted
Before being vacuumed back into sea
It's an ethereally wet embrace of comfort
Though my wounds sting like melodies
I can feel a rhythm wash through me
Its voice is of the sky and holds me dear
I know not my destination, but I'm trusted

The horizon on my tongue tastes best
When my eye is wider than the rest

60

Faith

Perhaps the greatest misconception
Is that faith is hostage to religion
Though I find myself more devout
To the awes of rhythm and its affection
To the beauty of Earth and Her spectrum
To the marvel of words and their sanction
Of these wonders there's no doubt

61

Best Memory Kept

Eyes go dark like ink blotches
My voice has her struck and **erupt**
In that same person I beloved
Was a **color** in pale cheeks amiss
When I first found her on that hill
The grass crunched and **she** wept
But if only my dream would fulfill
Distant **smiles**, best memory kept

62

Steadfast

Break me down, tear me apart
Time and time again, I'll find your heart
Rip my walls to shreds, bury me alive
I'll find your love, make it thrive

63

Bolstered

My thoughts are black and bruised
I choke on words when my heart is used
Regurgitate them with little hesitation
Maybe they will make you smile
Maybe they will make me sing
My strides extend with your compassion
Cliché but it takes me miles
From a quicksand thickening
With every voice of my heart you support
A fallen man whose writing is worth
Living for

64

Aftertaste

She said I tasted like chicken
I'm not fond of cannibalism
But she devoured my heart
As if it were a dish of ambrosia
I thought I would've been worth
A little but more to her, but
Who am I to price tag myself
Regardless, I can't help but see
My valves dripping on lips
I once believed tasted like heaven
Now I bet they taste like...chicken

65

The Color Love

The stronghold in your eyes, you wouldn't believe
I find everything worth looking for inside them
I feel lightheaded when you utter my name
This kind of bond is most apt for the sky
So let's go, I know you have the wings

66

Together

On a wave of poetry his hands found her face
Doused in doubt and misplaced love
Like a Stephen King book in the children's section
She was caked with the dust of neglect
But with a breath of prose he held her infinitely
Her warmth melted his iced shoulders
And they were as they should've always been
Together

67

Her Grip

Oh, your ability to rattle me
Like a chainlink fence in a tornado
I think that if you could speak words
I just might melt in your gaze
We know I'm not your one and only
And yet my soul smiles contentedly

68

Malleable

I wish I could dive into the glass puddle
Of my rearview mirror and drown in those
Soul-bending moments lost to time's hold

The first listening of
Racecar by Periphery
The first listening of
Rosemary by Deftones
The first listening of
Breakdown of Sanity
Honestly I could go on but I forgot
What I was writing about

69

The Greatest Pr(eyes)

Her mouth opened like the horizon at dawn
I was taken aback by the power of her voice
And a laugh that gave me kind goosebumps
These things are diamonds in memory form
A kaleidoscope kiss I will never even know
But that gaze, I'd drown if
I could forget how to swim

70

Reach of Light

I reach down, through the clouds
Beneath my feet
Digging through a world I know
So little about
It gives me life, I know, air to my
Shimmering lungs
But I dig nonetheless, not to
Harm but inquire
I know not where I'm going, only
That I must try
Each time illuminating their faces
With astonishment
I wonder, do they know that I
Feel no different?

71

Rightside-Down

Her world had spun upside-down
Or maybe it was just my interpretation
But her smile, although hidden
Felt like the most rightside-up invention
This turn of the century, and
Those eyes could pierce any confusion

I hope she finds contentment
In a serenity deserved of no cessation

72

Fire on the Move

It came in waves like an ocean across the sun
Every ripple and curl capable of devastation
Yet to the human eye, slowed with perception
It was no less beautiful than searing passion
I watched as it crawled up the walls to no end
Red-hot like a first kiss preparing to deepen
I found myself both pleasantly and woefully frozen
But in due time I know it would make my binds loosen

73

Shipwreck

I saw her waves crash in a storm
Such a tragedy to see her go down
The pall above her raged so dark
And in the chaos she was helpless
But I've been swimming for days
Intent on proving that she's alive
Within beating a treasure shrouded
By the mess of her woeful downfall
Amid the rubble I hope to find a heart

So worth saving that I'll drown if I must

74

Captive Made Captor

Thank god for the aberration that is your mind
I melt under your every thought, it's an honor
My beautiful friend to be the thing above eyes
Focused on nightmares and turning ink into gold
Don't you think it's time to redefine existence
I'm scared of nothing but the clouds outside us
And what they might bring to your conscience
But I know that the captivation is all mine, a curse
I'll lift when I'm sunken but not defeated in death

75

Lovely

My eyes found her after my voice did
She was **beautiful** and she was everything
That a true man could ever **search** for
But **I was** idle when she crossed my path
I **admired** every little detail about her
And loved that smile's effect on my past
Made me forget I ever even **had** one
But with the weeping of clocks **skin** grew
Like an aphrodisiac in my foundation

Her lips were trigger **happy** and I was weak
To the wounds **she** created to heal
Though it was her heart which **sang** radiant
My name on her breath like it belonged
To this prison cell I condemn myself **forever**
I feel not the misery others confess
But feel the lethal injection make me **stronger**
It's so sweet

76

Mind of Wrath

He put on his gloves like a second pair of hands
Callouses were hidden, palms **etched** with regrets
Yet still did **his mind** bustle with the thoughts
And his ears raged under the sounds **of wrath**
Tonight there would be **blood**, an act of violence
The night **in** all its abyss couldn't veil the vengeance
He had written so many **chapters** of others' lives
Now he was about to fabricate his own epilogue
And yet the swollen vehemence **blinded** him joyous

77

Extinguisher

I'm putting out this fire
For the last time in my life

If I need to, I swear I might just
Kill myself for the first time
All over again
Because it's started to grow
Fangs and claws
I've been through so much
But I can only take half
The icicles sharpen my bones
And the fire can only go so far
I just want to say
My goodbyes, for the last time
As I put out this fire
For once in my life

78

A Better Direction

I'm done with words of the heart
I'm through with phrases in the art
Of all that was you and me
Or anything that could be
What about the words of conscience?
What of the phrases in our essence?
I think it's best for us
To give that extra push

79

Swept

I picked my jaw off the ground
Put my eyes back in my head
Heart pounding on the Richter scale
What was I seeing, what was I feeling?
My voice sung without a tongue
For I had not the words to express
This newfound love, this unfound urge
To know everything about it
That which continues to hold me hostage
Squeeze the trigger, I smile
Blow me away time and time again

80

Shadow Niche

Shadows unfurl across the day
Bringing with them a low growl
Night has come early to seize us
People scatter like ants under a boot
Perception varies, just unfortunate
I find solace in the darkest crevasses
Of what this world has to offer
Observing every niche in the human mind
It is here you'll discover an elusive find
The only kind worth unearthing
And a heart best treasured only once
It has been lost to these same shadows

81

Light, Awry

Just stop, passerby
Bring me back to that moment when
I fell in love with your eye

Crazy lover of stars
Reel me back to that paradise again
Where I buried your heart

82

Where Dead Angels Li(v)e

Where dead **angels** lie
Pierced sky sprayed with a shine
Unforgiven in death, yet **alive**
Quilted in shadows awaiting evisceration
Beauty **in** the corners
Of a dimly lit **rumination**

83

Seasonal Requiem

Raindrops calling the names of fallen angels
Tears on the sky's face, a beautiful tragedy
Cry with me in song without shedding any
An immaculate conclusion to a new prologue
Take my hand that drifts on the breezes
To a presence without any signs or beliefs

84

Wherever Here Is

Sweet silence
Won't you please sing
Loud in my embrace
Tag along?
We can taste the sky
And choke on the stars
Together?

85

Newfound Creature

I slink away from **this creature**
That you've so easily become
Bearing indiscernible **features**
A former beauty since erased

Having become a **slithering** anomaly
Reminding me that we're **human**
Though I cannot **accept** this logically
Enveloping **my heart** to harden
For the vanity **which you've** bred
Is a serpent's skin not plainly **shed**

86

Unlikely Solace

I can feel your heartbeat
Through the clouds
Fogging your conscience
Can you see my voice yet?
I've tried for so long
To make visible my heart
Mistakes blemishing me
Well, I'll follow these clouds
Even if it means
The death of me

87

Succu(bye)

Wet memories on the wall
A sound of silent assembly
They're here to drown us

In the hopes of tomorrow
I eagerly await that kiss
Which will send me asleep

88

Overrated

All these **feelings are** distant
And **overrated**
I want neither heart nor skin
But **to be connected**
Two minds drifting **together**
And innovative
To ways of being **one forever**

89

Mus(e)ic

Who knew it could be so easy
To love you so thoroughly
Hold you close, swallowed entirely
By the sounds you make in ecstasy
All I've ever wanted is to be free
In your air you've convinced me
Without you, life is a triviality

90

Beautiful Compromise

This war will end
There's black in your eyes
And not the benevolent kind
I witness your fall
And it pains me to love you
But I'll continue
Without a morsel of regret
Because I live for you
The colors on the walls
Weep when you laugh
And chills dance on my spine
On those days
You murmur my name
So in time I'll banish
Your monsters and fears
Those unwelcome at least
We can build on the rest

91

Might As Well Be Limbo

We wait to die
In this splendid place
Walking the sands of time

Falling prey to our fire's taste
Going for a swim in the vast clouds
Should you lead me into the sun, I'll follow

92

Last Words (Epilogue)

The words **I've** bled in my past
Struck every **known** emotional cord
I deliberated ending **the** angst
In ways that made my **soul** weep
But that **was** five years ago and
I have to say I'm **proud** of the change
Many **of** the spilt ink still sticks
To **my** blemished skin, but at least
I can say I'd rather have fallen in **love**
And endured heartbreak than
Not at all
And whatever is ahead of me
We'll just have to see

93

Bedroom Eyes

She had bedroom eyes
Under moonlit skies
On a tranquil night

She unraveled under
His words
Put back together by
His heart
He'd hold her tight
Kiss her just right
She was his universe
If only it were forever

94

What The Mind Wants

I want to be your burnt out
Star
That speech of life drifting
Away
In a storm we've created for
Fun
I want to be your day in
Night
That flicker of heat on cold
Skin
Most of all I want to be your
Something

95

**What You See Is Not Always What You Get (And What You
Hear May Be Prone To Regret)**

A man's eyes are only as good as his heart
And his ears, only as good as his mind

96

Rarity

I saw it in your eyes
Heard it in your voice
Tasted it on your lips
Felt it on your palms
That beautiful honesty
And the veracious intellect
That divine fidelity
And the creative effect
For which I care
Must I ask in a scream
Why is it so
Rare!?

97

M

Eyes like daggers
Obsidian blades of silk

Stab me forever, please
Just a look with no harm
Make me melt into shadow
Which drips around you beautifully

98

On the Contrary

I'm dying inside
Praying I'd live a different way
So few could abide
How lucid I am about my living
Fuck your ugly perfections
I've only wanted your beautiful imperfection
Make me say it out loud
I'm dying inside, and proud
That I'm not living a lie, like you

99

What The Heart Wants

You smile woke me up
The dream, I still have
In it I'm invincible
I can't die
I scream in laughter
I'm not scared

With you under my arm
And me in your glossy eyes
Your smile, it woke me up
From a nightmare
Long before I met you
Or conjured you
In the dreams of myself

100

Wear It

A storm will come through
Carrying the names of loves past
It will devastate your life
Your sweet dreams will perish
Restless eyes and kerosene hearts
Lead you down rising waters
You can feel it
Devour you whole
But as all storms come, so must they depart
Leaving rubble to be tended
The strong will rise, rise up
So rise up, my friend
Wear your hair wet
Tears sting but so do scars
And they heal with time
While you only get stronger

101

Terrestrial

On green skies we **march**
With the scent of glory
Toying **with** our senses
Beneath **gargantuan** terrain
Holding hands like **stars**
Burning out with every smile
We can find **anything**
So long as we open everything
And look **to** places
Other hearts saw inept
It is here where we will **build**
Our everlasting **fortress**

102

Bittersweet Absence

I look out your window
Into the bleakness of night
Taste the sorrow of passersby
But when I withdraw
I feel you envelope me anew
A kiss without lips
Hug with no hands
I leave the shutters open

Because I know you'll return
To my heart as I sleep
With one valve open

103

No Different

There's no way out of here
Imprisoned in frigid oblivion
But with you eating my retention
I wouldn't have it any other way
There's no disappointment to fear
In knowing that I cannot take you
Away

104

Perpetual Truce

I feel like I'm on fire
Every time you smile
And I seem like an explosion
Every time you say my name
You evoke peace treaties
When you enter my arms
No matter how dark your eyes
You'll always be the suns in mine

105

Inflammation

Your passion is an epidemic
Skin like curtains in the rain
Every lilting pitch of your voice
Takes me to the summit of another
We're travelling across the globe
Without ever opening the door
And knowing that you feel the same
Makes me terminal with this thing
Which you've infected me with
We'll die together but only once
We've lived on shared tongues

106

That Proverbial First Kiss

Your eyes suppressed my expectations
A slow blink caught me in this stasis
I neither knew nor cared what happens
When I curl my arm around your waist
And lean in for that kiss of deliverance
From the muck of a superior past tense
Lashes bleed across my own cheeks
And I know this was worth my patience

107

Sea of Sheets

We laid there like cadavers of the sea
Hearts rippling with every touch
Swaying in the wake of each rhythm
This was our ocean and our sheets
Walls painted every color of us
That cared to snake free from mouths
Unchained emotions and expletives
And we had barely even moved
To say the least we lived and died
Over and over again until at last
We were victims of our own energy
To sink beneath the very waves
We'd created to drown us at first
But by then we had grown gills

108

Human(e)

Plagued with a conscience
Desirous and troubled
Suffocating my existence
With things I cannot have
My mental hair ruffled
But it's one part of my half

And I'd live no other way
Just wish these would fade

109

Imperfect Storms

I see light in the cracks of your skin
A shimmer across your dulled fibers
We are thunder, we are the sight in-between
Marveled upon by those of weaker minds
I feel the warmth dapple my flesh
A gleam over your murky eyes and I know
The thunder is soon to follow in our hearts

110

My Musical Instrument

I want to speak to you in lyric form
Strum your fingers like an Ibanez
Kiss you with drumstick lips
Read the clefs of your body
I want to sleep with you in silence
Heard only by the ears of one soul

111

Far and Wide

A kiss on your Mariana Trench lips
Takes me to your Bermuda Triangle
Where my heart disappears in yours
I'll climb your Everest summits
Speed through your Death Valleys
Enjoying the scenic route regardless
Cast me into your Mount Fuji shadow
Before I embrace your Sahara Oasis

112

A Stellar Predicament

How can you look at me the same way
We're lightyears apart
And love so differently
I like to believe you have a kind heart
And it's in the right place
But sometimes all I feel is your warmth
I long for your cold touch
A taste of two worlds
Or would you deem that as too much?

113

The Writer's Hindsight

Broken down on the roadside
Smoke billowing out under me
I bow my head, get to thinking
This is where I'd be without you
If I hadn't the ink in my veins
Nor the taste and dexterity
To string them along coherently
And as I smell fire, I realize
As much as I hated myself
I should've been more grateful

114

Testing the Waters

He admired the fluid surface
Before picking a rock to skip
His hand detached with it
And made caramel ripples
He heard and felt tremors
More a voice than fissures
And then he dove headfirst
Into her saturated embrace

115

Deja View

Same title, different pages
Same tagline, different summary
Same epilogue, different cover
Why couldn't you be a newspaper?
In a way, I am reading
The obituaries of my heart

116

Destruc(rea)tion

He wanders into the middle
A hundred different faces stare
From boughs and dead limbs
This transition leaves the air dry
Crisp on his lips is destruction
He sets the can down at his feet
Arid leaves crunch and weep
Their souls seeping into loam
He lights a match, kicks it over
Smells the gas, sweet and bitter
He marvels at imminent creation
And longs to join the other faces

117

Mine Eye

A light in mine eye, lure me from hell
The sun or the moon, I cannot tell
Another night, another spell

118

Life's Benchwarmer

Sometimes I don't know what to say
And the **words** spew like toxic waste
Forming a **pool** full of my reflections
Tainted **with** my worst deliberations
Empty promises of hatred and finality
Testing my own boundaries of **morality**
I want to plunge forever and just
End **this** fucking **game**
I want **to** ascend once and just
End this fucking wait
Don't **I deserve** happiness, or a taste
I'll do **anything but** I refuse to play
Your fucking **game**

119

Memoir of a Dance

Dance with me on broken mirrors
Ice lakes of your tears, memoirs
Bled through by fresh dreams
Teeming under healed seams

120

If Rhyming Were A Crime, I'd Serve A Lifetime In Her Limelight

Star-studded skies in her eyes
Beguiled by her marvelous smile
A tongue like the barrel of a gun
And fingertips like puckered lips
I'd fall into her death trap, gladly
I'd surrender my breath, madly
Because that is the way of love

121

Future Lover

With words of teeth
You remind me what it's like
To feel your heart in mine
Void of pain and angst
But damn the memories
Sear into me like magma
In pounding blood, and
I can't help but love you
If not for future peace
Then a curtain of satin
Skin and hair in my face
A kiss goodbye, hello lovely
Take me down and take me
Away

122

Impet(us)

Let the **war** begin
And feel the **tremors**
Release inhibitions
The apprehension of **hearts**
And lost minds **of** solace
Smell **the** crisp air
Taste the **humanity**
See this to the end
Once we've conquered **arts**
In the blood of us
There's no stopping **this**

123

Your Loss

She wants the voice, not the words
But she has it all wrong, see
He can give her the voice, fine
But I'd give both of my fucking lungs

124

Your Tumbleweed

We are who we are
The breath of everything
We are what we are
The people of changeling
I see fire in you
And I feel it when you move
More than that
I know you influence the wind
Because I am who I am
Not who I had once been

125

Sweetened Notions

Dilated passion
In your heart's eye
Reverberations
Felt in every touch
Feel me let go
Of all that we were
Taste expansion
Sweetness and flow
Ideas deepen
Where we so mind

126

Sadist

All these dreams are shattered
By your nonexistent eyes
Bleeding lips devouring them
I should've known better
Than to believe it was real
Now all I have left is the rubble
Of everything we'd loved
I guess that's why I never heal
And you recycle my stitches
As if they were candy

127

Reminiscence of Ambivalence

I recall her like an ambivalent memory
Savory center with jagged ledges
Ambrosial lips and ember irises
There was a musical cadence to her
With every stride I died a little
But with every smile I lived more
And that lone kiss lassoed me
Though where we went from there
Is anyone's wild guess

128

V.

Orchestrated under a false face
No faker than yours or mine
Devastated by the lies and corruption
No less just than true beasts
Illuminated via words and action
No truer than
A bulletproof idea

129

This or That

Augmented heart
Buried conscious
Bleeding is an art
Eyes so avaricious
How is my flavor
Under your greed?
Worthy to savor
Or a futile seed?
I'd like to believe
You once loved me

130

Armor Piercing

Her words moved in quick, whipping like a firing squad
The volley caught me off guard
She stabbed me in what I thought had been, at once, my heart
Now there remains but a crater
And the pain, or so I believed
Now drips from my eyes and out my mouth is mirth
False or true, who's to say
When sanity is bred from betrayal

131

Carnal Static

Stretched across her breasts
Like abandonment in a junkyard
Reminded me of a shared breath
Heartbeats in unison with regard
To the carnal static distended
Beneath our eyes in form of music
Whether or not it was intended
This love in voice felt most intrinsic

132

Jaywalking

She waves between the trees
Her skin beautiful, almost tribal
Voice arcing in tunes of the feral
Power in grace like the breeze
Her eyes glowed under nightfall
Full moons in them and ferocity
Then speared yet she didn't stall
Grew stronger, rise in tenacity
As if it were possible, she improved
To give way to a creature so fine
Its heart yields a love too genuine
For any one of us to believe

We could control so vainly

133

Outstretched

Suck me into your thoughts
Breathe me out your kisses
Ingest my every touch
Live and die, always
Like it's never enough

134

Which Way?

I knew my path
Would lead to this
Splintered indecision
Shackled by memories
Fondling dense regrets
Drip down my miseries
So I make claws of my feet
Press on, bleeding in the air
Whatever is shed, left for dead
This is my awakening, full stride

135

The Transition

Swallowed by a voice in the silence
I recall the taste of your gaze
And the feeling your sky settles over
One of these days it will fall
Into a beautifully heavy night we can
Finally call our home of homes

136

Opposites Attract

I've searched high and wide
Low and stout, for you
I've longed for a short moment
In your past presence
Just one second with your first
And foremost on my mind
Forever now in my heart

137

Zero Cavity

Although the pain is gone
I long for something to fill this void that's spread in me
Like a moon's crater, empty and gravitationally obsolete
Memories float and bounce off walls
The echoing makes for music
But who am I to compose it alone?
If only you remained, or a fragment
Capable of rebuilding my capability
To love and be loved as we had so freely
Then perhaps I might be a particle of happy

138

4:44

A battle of threads under quilted stars
Twist and turn
Roll and folds
Muscles amnesiac
Cranium insomniac
Temples burst
Thinking much
Will this night swallow or remain on shuffle?

139

Adrift

Voice like wind chimes
Fingertips of summer trees
Breathe me a breeze to sleep
And take me to new highs
Carried to shifting clouds
Dig me a fresh way out
From this odd place
Vacant of your face

140

Found A Way

Gorgonized by the sunset
Fallen from the clouds' dust
Settle on my brow, furrowed
Veins of stone awaken with life
Nowhere remains a place to thrive
An empire of thought and blood
In ruins no longer, thank you love

141

Dormant Hopes

The shutters clap your windows
You're awake with the panes
Dripping down your every thought

But hope lingers in your eye yet
It's beautiful, however subtle
Dressed as Z's and counting sheep
It pleases you to realize that your dreams of sweet
Might one day have ends that meet

142

Her Pressure

Your peace throttles me
What's worse is I can't see
When you're breathing
But I can feel the beating
Of your heart in my throat

143

Slip Into This

Walk into the bight night with me
Hand in hand, incorporeal elegance
Breathe frostbite into my veins
This voice of yours laments life
So make this transition, my love
Into the beautiful nothingness

144

She Was Every Syllable

The simplicity of the moment
Could tear me limb from limb
I trust you'd be no different
'Cause I felt it swimming in there
That place of solace where I got lost
To see my reflection in those depths

145

I Am

We are the shadows that streak your crevasses
We are the moonlight that seek your answers
We are the clouds that peak your synapses

146

Too Much To Swallow

I push my dreams across your eyes
They feel to you how I see your lips

A portal to another realm entirely
We believe we own at our fingertips

147

Aphotic

Desperate measures have brought me here
I call upon the fleeing shadows for comfort
What's to love when all is thick with fear?
I find a question mark in His dark portals
He makes promises of a Path and its flavor
I forget He exists and continue as made
Alone from head to toe, thoughts as company
Poor friends they are, friends nonetheless
More than I could expect in tis epoch

148

Stygian

I take Your hand and away You lead me
From this awful land ruled by callous decree
You are my guide into the stygian abyss
That I'm forced to abide though it's far from bliss
It's better than this place
Which I cannot begin to explain
Except to go into denial about all of the pain
There I constantly tasted bile

But here's everything's numb
In comparison feels like heaven
So here I willingly come
To join my wretched brethren
Lead me my Ugly Beautiful
Where the darkness is plentiful

149

A Helping Heart

I can taste your self-deprivation
Won't you let me feel your anticipation?
The air is crisp with your presence
Let's not set it ablaze with reluctance
I seek to fill your deluging emptiness
You deserve that coupled tenderness
So won't you share my avid complexion?
And take my hand for your ascension

150

Paradies

Her name echoes in the mist
I wake to hear her calling me
Am I to drown in the skies
Or float into the loam beneath?
I hear wings flap and a song

That reminds me of her smile
Could I be here already?
Could I be dead?
Or just alone

151

Authorship

A breath inside carries me ages
Into a time void of pain or doubt
Who knew the written word could
Flood me with such a lively fire

152

Worth the Effort

You paint the skies with doubt
How do you expect me to hear you out
When your smile stinks to high heaven?
I know you're capable of more
Show me where you are, not where you've been
And I just might believe you to the core
We could actually see it through
There's always more we could do
And for you I'm enticed to take on all of it
But I won't put up with you if you just quit

153

All or Nothing

I feel the night scream out
Is this pain or more pleasure?
It's hard to tell on your waves
I hear the ripple spread out
And I can only be sure that
You want the impossible
Which I'm foolish enough to
Try and give you, give you
Even if it means my demise
Under your moon, though
Forgive me, I welcome it

154

Drown Me

Push me over the edge into your great abyss
A place of lost memories
Where pain drowns and whales swim amid sharks
Unopposed serenity
I'll make my own waves to share with you

155

Necessary Severance

I rode this wave of solitude
Ripped and broken
Someone called me beautiful
Others cringed at my sight
And most simply ignored me
But it didn't seem to matter
For this is where I belong
Aloof and saturated
Taken away from you all
I'll experience loneliness
And you'll only mutter
With hollow gazes
Just like your hearts

156

Evolution

Drop down, drop down
On your knees in this puddle
That you now breathe
I can feel you sinking into me
Your brain is lit and muddled

Rise up, rise up

From the hole in your chest
See yourself evolve
Become whole all over again
Love me like life at its best

157

Getting Away With It

Stapled to the wall
Where my enemies perish
You sob and bleed
The color of worn bricks
I wonder if you even
Remember her name
So I brand it into
Your blackened heart
Then eviscerate it
As you'd done to her

158

Siren In Music Clothing

Footfalls like piano keys
Harp voice in my ears
Velvet lips to my neck
Skin like satin under me
Then why the claws

Squeezing my heart dry?

159

Crazy One

My dying affection
Pull me back under
Your tribulations
Take me asunder
‘Til we breathe as
One
‘Til misery is
Undone

160

Requiem of Simpler Times

Your tongue lashes with music
It takes me somewhere eldritch
Beautiful and eerie, a dream state
Pocked with nightmares to abate
You can sing them out of our blood
And I’ll kiss until we’re taken by flood

161

Felt

Feel the chill spray your neck
Windshield wiper eyes claw my face
A shrill cry from distended lips
In a voice deserved of the clouds
I fall through your obsidian hair
Remind myself I've yet to die
Swallow your beating, savory heart
Return it in one billowing breath

162

Infinite Reach

The weight of your eyes
Guides me through violet skies
A pulse of your heart
Beautifully tears me apart

163

Like the Blood of Flowers

She paints words with her thoughts
A heart's splattered radiance
Caught between reverberations
She evaporates all of my dissonance

164

Roar

Thunder crashes through the wooded metropolis
Carrying waves of terror and sacrificed solace
Each reverberation slams a tower
Clawing its violent path to devour
For whatever the source is, it rolls through the wild
Bringing nothing but promises of the soul-shattering

165

T

I swam in your eyes for days at a time
With every smile I grew a pair of wings
Took your hand to the skies of a heart
I wanted to feel pulse with happiness
To hear your voice a thousand leagues
Deep in any abyss gives me luminance
I'd wish you beauty, but see you own it
I'd wish you amity, but know it's in you

So all I can do is wish you the world
And I'll write what I can for you, girl

166

Centurial Desires

You're definitely few
I long for the income
Of having not one but two
Of the same twisted fun
I want to scream
For these centurial desires
Busting at the seams
Burn me alive with your fires

167

Render Me Insane

I am set free by your rampart comfort
I make up words because you seize my brain
And render me so useless
I am set free by your inadvertent imprisonment
I make up words because you seize my heart
And render me so foolish

168

No Escape

You're in submission to this thing
Called beauty
It's fierce and brutally unwavering
Calls to me
If I answer, it could be exhilarating
But truly
It already is, so much so darling

169

Incompatible (Like Syncing a Droid to an iPhone)

Our lips couldn't touch
Because
You feared feeling human
Our hearts couldn't collide
Because
I didn't believe in your God
Our ears couldn't align
Because
We lived separate worlds
So I realize now, what am I
Pining over?

170

Pairing of Lips

“If I could share with you **one** experience
To have in my **heart** and forever know
It would be but **one** momentary kiss”
With a soft **whisper** like subliminal bliss
You say “and how would it go?”
Just as theoretically, I lean in to sow
“Something **like this**”

171

Full Support

Intoxicate me with feedback
I want to imbibe your words
Get lost and never look back
We could be like birds
So careless and loud
I want you to cry out

172

Rewrapped

My inspiration is shot
A muse died in another's hair
Lips like death to this heir
Cold, bleak winds beat me
Down into the floor
Where is my flow, my gift?
Returned to sender

173

Carnal Requiem

The streets are weeping your name
A breeze sweeps by with your scent
This city and its monotony is to blame
I love your memory but still I lament
For the heart that's drifted from me
I want to say I can still feel the love
But the shadows laugh at my misery
And the skeletal canopies sink above
As if to drown out your orchestration
While I drift into the night I thank you
For your pride in absent deliberation
And the smiles you've helped me accrue

174

Ear to Ear, Dear

Her black hole eyes open up
To swallow me and everything
I've ever come to know or love
No suns and no fucking stars
Pits of deep abyss, bottomless
Eyebrows furrow to frighten
The night scatters in terror
But when she smiles, oh god
I realize that I am meaningless
Part of me just wants to slip
Into that unzipped radiance
Lose my sight and voice forever
Because when she smiles, I say
I'm damn fine with fading away

175

Endless

Shape me
Into a desire
With no off switch
Like the moon
On a swath of fire

176

Fading Thoughts

Thoughts storm my brain like
Waves of blood void of pain and
Crash against my skull to
Annihilate the dull but
Still do I feel like an aberration
Of silence that torments my
Existence with one rumination
After another until I'm sure to
Perish with nothing to cherish
But memories of lovers past

177

The Low Road

I've graced this path before
Back when life meant more
I've reached for the stars, but
Only to taste the sun's crutch
Perhaps it is the empty shadow
Beside me which makes me feel hollow

178

CTRL+R

It's high tide tonight

And you cannot limit me
All of your hate is drowned beneath fiery skies
I find solace in darkness
Whereas you found peace in destroying me
Now I find beauty elsewhere
Admiration at its best
I'll follow it to my grave

179

Boneyard of Whispers

I've been searching in this gray place
Seeking a trace of your skin in the air
Perhaps a fingertip on my cheek
But only the gaunt trees remain
Brushing thorns across my flesh
And glaring down before a moon
That seems to consume my memories
Of you and our vivid togetherness
But the sallow skies won't steal
From me the passion in my chest
I will find you, I will find all of you
Even if it means I have to be buried
In this forlorn boneyard of whispers

180

A Moth In Butterfly Form

My ink spills from veins to paper
And I breathe from inspiration
When your sun bleeds into the sky
It's set ablaze in the night to rise
Drawing you with wings and smiles
Simple syllables light up your dark
Because the fire's in your heart

181

Elusive

You are but a particle on my mind, drifting
With claws that sink into my fail memory
I dare to say I love you
In wake of this pain
And a requiem
Of beauty

182

Unworthy

She unfolded on the bed like a cashmere curtain
Freshly washed and smelling no less than ambrosial
With meadows of goosebumps and areola fingertips
A garden of a smile and blood moon eyes beckoning
Who was I to be here?

183

Consequences

He wears silence like a blanket
In this place of constant turmoil
Ripples in the earth as the water, explosions in the distance
Sorrow in the air, so thick that he can taste it on his lips
He'd like to believe this is war but he knows it's just home
Wherever he dares ask for more

184

Hang This On Your Wall

There's
Really no better a frame
To capture the likes of us
Siamese twins hearts and names
Constantly on our tongues
Sharing breath like
Candlelight

185

Once in a Lifetime

We don't know where we are
But I can feel your lightning veins
Streak through my cold palms
And your lips stick to my neck
A tear freezes on my skin as I hold you in my arms
All I've wanted is to share a sunset with you
And now that we are, you leave on ashen wings

186

To the End

Close your eyes and let me inside
I can see you to the end better
Than you might've expected
This ride will haunt you
With ecstasy even
When I'm gone
I'll still be
With you

187

Second Impressions

The silver screen splashes their faces
One virile and eager, handsy

The other effete and timid, withdrawn
She pardons herself for a hiatus
He follows to the restroom
Ferocity in his eyes, however
Not expecting the mirror in hers
Hair, claws, fangs, muscle
Spirit uninhibited and relentless
Tasting, spraying blood in defense
Howling for the moon to join her

188

F

Velvet lips and porcelain fingertips
Caramel cheeks and savory peaks

189

Sidelined

Windchime dreams drift between them
Coating thought with mist and memory in soot
This is not real, but it doesn't have to be
Sealed with a kiss that never exists

190

Inimitable

I see the energy tracing your eyes
With every turn of your head
A gaze drives me crazier
Than a straightjacket
Could ever dare fix
I'd surely return it
But your beauty
Has no match

191

Nightwalk

With only thoughts as company
I walk this diverse path, alone and chin high
Music in my ears, because I've grown sick of the world's
Forced soundtrack
But these soothe me
While everyone says that it's dark when it's night
I can't help but argue it's so much the opposite

192

Postmortem

I remember when we were friends
You pondered why I wrote of the good
More than the bad, about my ex
And I'd applauded its simplicity
Of how they help me recall the positive
Then we grew together and I'd
Write a pillow poem for you
Every morning a smile for months on end
You were the best thing that ever happened to me
But now that we're apart I bet you wonder
Why I only write of heartbreak between us
Well, that's because you were
The worst thing that ever happened to me

193

The Unspoken Broken

We broke everything in this house we made
From the torn shower curtain
To the shattered table legs
And the ruptured marble
Only your love and lack thereof
Could do such a thing
We breathed chaos like sex and it's amazing how

We both live to tell the tale
It's just unfortunate that
I'm the only one who will ever speak of it
And the unspoken broken

194

Ductile

Your crescendo needs no voice
For me to feel its reverberation
I made my choice when I chose
To speak of you in my reality
You know the one, impracticality
And that's alright, I'll take it
Over none whatsoever

195

Bermuda

He wanders out of his threshold
A crisp breeze parts missing hair
Stings his face and briny eyes
He wanders, yet, gazing skyward
As his sore feet carry him onward
Over meadows of mental drought

The skies are breached by magic
Is this devastation or a new beginning?
Something reassures him not to care
This is a process of awakening
He's just glad to be outside

196

The S Word

Such a supple crevasse
With a lick of ferocity
Makes my mind a mess
And when its corners
Buoy to form luminance
My eyes to mourners
Happy yet with a glance

197

Frostbitten

I
Could shovel
For centuries
And still not find your
Buried, dislocated heart
But I will shovel for millennia

Because I once strongly believed
My happiness and yours was actually
Worth the effort

198

Present-Tense

Flesh fresh, jagged and
Corrupted
Eyes sunken and deceived,
Disoriented
Heart naïve, baffled, a bit
Disjointed
Skin ripples, frayed, gullible and
Disheveled
Hands disbanded, emptied and
Emaciated
Feet scarred, etched and
Enervated
Soul fooled, marred, always
Unguarded

199

Shapes & Motions

Shapes and motions
Bleeding through the air
I find dark in your light
Like red in the white
Of your fresh bandage
A tourniquet come loose
Around the one thing
Keeping me from a noose
I wish I could share
And try as I might
There's nothing to salvage
I'm reduced to breathing
Shapes and motions

200

U Marks the Spot

She was digging in the snow
As if she had lost something
But when I unearthed her
It was as if she was the thing
I'd been without all this time

201

Burnt & Crossed

If I jump, you'll drive on
Is it fair to gauge my landing on how voluminous my heart
Has become since meeting you
Or can we just drive together off of this fucking bridge?

202

Proof

She entered the room a mess
Disheveled hair, no makeup
Casual clothes and tired eyes
That tracked my every movement
I glided to her and kiss her heart
Without speaking a word to prove
That she was the most beautiful thing
I had ever laid my mind on

203

So(u)lar Reach

I come together under your cloud
Only to fall apart in your hands
Am I to blame
Or is your splendor a scapegoat
I could use?
I exaggerate only the colors
But never the soular reach you have on me

204

Lupine Spirits

I asked what animal she'd like to be
Reincarnated as and she said 'wolf'
But later that night I began to think
She had jumped the gun on me
For there were claws and fangs
Entangled in my hair and digging
For purchase in my muscle
Howling rolled through the sky
And by day we were but people
With lupine spirits abound

205

Encompassing

In the name of your beauty
I taste you on the cold air
And look skyward to realize
That you're out of my reach
But right where you belong
All around me

206

Stuck On Play

A song that lasts a few decades
A soundtrack with rhythm unheard
Feel it move across your skin
Dapple your vision with confusion
You aren't meant to understand
Just listen and feel as it's unfurled
Whenever her lips reposition
It's not something that fades
And when you fall in sleep tonight
You'll have never felt so right

207

March Into The Sky

I'd like to believe you're smiling right now
You were always happy
Made me laugh on my shitty days
Your pain fought strength
I can only hope peace won the battle
And forgive my selfishness
For I know you deserve so much better

208

E.L.E.

Light skin on dark sheets
Warm snakes in silk meadows
Your chin tilts skyward
Rosy lips part outward
One vocalization injures the sky
And weeps down onto ours

209

Freeze

Moonlit eyes
And sanguine lips
Entrance tonight
On her ghost ship

210

Life's Pergola

Fifteen years you've sheltered me

With a comfort I cannot return
Your skin has changed but your
Structure still remains and I can't
Help but want to climb all over you

211

The Solution

He spent months of his life in there
Spilling the contents of his brain
Into a cauldron of cardiac ingredients
Until, after two miles of chalkboard
And five fathoms of crumpled paper
He finally emerged with the solution
That would cure all of her frowns
That would abolish all of her stress
And he could never see her smile
In the flesh after so much work
But it would still have been worth it

212

Transition Conversion

You convert this storm
Into walls of silence
Now light your heart, please
So that I could see

Through those lovely irises
And sink back inside

213

Instru(mental)

I want you to carry me
On your swift wings and thunderous strings
Take me into the clouds
Beyond the horizon
Across Saturn's rings
'Til we crash into Jupiter
I think we could sing our song without voice
Richter scale hearts
Timeless reverberations
So start playing, baby

214

Our Hearts Were Convicted of Arson

You feel like fire in zero gravity
Waves of hot, perilous beauty
And I just float along with you
Mirroring how you make me move
Bound by a swollen cloud of immunity
Please imprison me in this servility

215

Deluge

Your oceans shimmer every time you blink
And I ponder reality
Whether we're meant to be stuck in it
Or open the floodgates
And let you wash away all the ugliness
I can swim in you and we can fictionalize
The skies as we see fit
You're already mine

216

Beauty in Complexity

I find beauty in the simplest forms
I find beauty in horizons
And symmetry
I find beauty in puddles and sound
But you're a complexity
Which makes you beautiful
Beyond my comprehension
And that's just mind-boggling

217

Breach

One of these days you'll puncture my hull
I'll sear through your atmosphere and
Crash land on your ambient terrain
You'll take my breath away
And I'll return it
Once I've explored your secrets

218

Light Followed

I
See you
In the sky
Clouds part
Upon a smile
And my spirit
Is defibrillated

219

Herizons

Her horizons surround me
Explosive **eyes** and features
Free these chains from a mind **kept** on lock down
I gaze skyward and feel her writhing into **my** veins
Reminding me I'm human
But posing **answers** that are native to the stars
And all I can do is breathe **in**
Ingesting her marvel while digesting her **metaphors**

220

Broken Together

Stow me away in your abattoir
Where memories wait to fade
I'll root myself in your death
Reseal your fissures and create new ones
So that we can be broken together

221

Field of Reminiscence

A salvo of memories hits me
Like a hundred noetic kisses
The grass is wet between my toes
Soft and inviting as you had been

A breeze cuts right through me
Your voice of tongues mellifluous
The sky is warped and swollen
Not so different from a heart
Which now drips off my fingertips
At the very whisper of your name

222

Restless Reach

The night calls me with stygian fingers
I waft across ripples of silken skin and
Feel my worries siphon away
As its palm hushes my regrets
And persistent anxieties
“Take me,” I mutter
“And don’t let go”

223

Winds of Change

Staring at the edge of a bridge
My gaze sweeps like pelicans
Across the glimmering waters
I ponder my altitude and weight
Could I just tip off and float free
Unbound by concern, let go

A decade waited for this release
The sun peers over my shoulder
And the wind encourages me
But I'll only answer to my blood
Which sings in freefall

224

Lunar Blush

I could never be what you wanted me to be
A speck of triviality
Spatial drought void of brilliant emotions
Surrounded by beauty
Reflections, my ability
They all flee my grasp
I hold no life in me so I dream how it feels
To be called “earthly”

225

My Resuscitation

The horizon doorway frames you
A surreal painting of priceless value
I can feel your hesitation
Like a second skin, its resonation
Comes in layers of satisfaction
Eyes glow with beautiful subtlety

Reeling me to taste lips of serenity
You ask me to be your restoration
I need you to be my resuscitation

226

Magnum Opus

I wrapped words around her arms
To keep her warm in the winter cold
I kissed stanzas to her crimson lips
For when boredom made her mum
And I whispered rhymes in her ear
To keep her reassured of the reality
That she deserves no less than
The greatest poem ever written

227

Riptide

I want to feel you
Crash through me
With every wave
Stinging my wounds
Cleansing my soul
Paving the way
For sweet renewal

228

Bridges to the Soul

She smiles away the dirty pages
The soot and grime
Of unforgiving time

They say the eyes
Are windows to the soul
Then I guess the lips
Must be the bridges

229

Feature

I cannot tell where my dreams end
And yours, in all their beauty, begin
It's like a scene from a movie where the skies move me
Much like the beauty in your words
And a smile that holds the universe

230

Wavelengths in the Walls

I see wavelengths in the walls
And taste your gaze in the air
Have I lost my sanity?
Prey to your beauty
Though I feel just in my reaction
I still yearn for a resultant smile

231

The Forest

Voices in the bark
Canopy characters
Souls on the leaves
I trek through here
With a frigid spine
And gooseflesh
As they call me
Fallen names
I hear pain
But I feel
Explosia

232

In Love

Why do we “fall” in love
When it’s a feeling of ascension?
I believe these amorous
Experiences of prior affection
Have been misconstrued
And one day we will “rise” in love
Falling won’t even be an option

233

Sanity with You

Thoughts of you devour my retention
Like hammerheads in a feeding frenzy
Swallowed whole by the realization
That what we shed is a catalyst of crazy

234

Homesick

I belong between your lips
In the convex craters of your eyes
In the swimming circles of your irises
I belong across your skin
In the valleys of your womanhood
In the alcoves of your dimples
I belong between your teeth
In the rapids of your tongue

In the skies of your breath
I belong amid the sweat on your brow

235

Lifeless

Faces like peeling wallpaper
Surround me in waves of banality
A horde thick with insipid repulsion
I feel my boots stick to asphalt
As if it's melting tar, but really
It's just flesh like an adherent
My shirt snags on a dead branch
This city's become one with nature
And yet the things staring through me
With eyeless sockets are so far
Divorced from this earth that I can
Only pray for a quick death
Should I have any bullets left

236

Saturday Night Bliss

The sounds make a menagerie of our room
I know you like his voice better than mine
So let me write solos down your stomach
With my drumstick lips along your neck

Though by the end of this precious night
I want your ecstatic voice to overwhelm
Anything else that might exist around us

237

Voice of Dragonflies

Cold biting my skin
Frost seizing my lungs
Yet your voice sang when I brushed by
A flock of dragonflies
I could hear your smile
Almost feel your eyes
Though a warm hand was far out of reach
There remained your sheer comfort

238

Ode

As the flower withers away
Your beauty will never fade
Which I wish I could just bask in
I pray only the best for you
For all of the smiles accrued
Because of me, I'm appreciative
So I dream of one kiss to give
Just one kiss to give

239

(In)stability

You know I'm broken
But still you hug me
Your skin is pleasant
Your breath soothing
Your eyes mark me
With insignia of hope
You're too kind
You deserve the sky
But I, I must fall
Before I ever rise
And then...I'll find you

240

Like A Bridge

I'd never cross you in a million years
But I'd cross galaxies to reach you for help
I'd cross wastelands to punish those who
Have ever dared cross you
But, you, in all of your marvel
Deserve my full support
My concrete support

241

When Words Fail

A labyrinthine gaze holds me still as stone
I search the depths of this boundless beauty
For the key to my worries
She makes me forget I have any
Those eyes, though
Portals to the soul, they say
Then hers must be wild and
Beyond the boundaries of any man's reach
Like dancing shadows and nonexistent words

242

Skinwalkers

Animals of the night
Howling to lunar gods
Feeling shadows seep through our pores
And stars dripping down our dark eyes
I taste your transition
As you swallow mine

243

We Could Flourish

I wish we could lay here under the white sky
In each other's arms
I'd whisper poetry like music in your ears
And trace syllables across your soft skin
We could drown here without losing breath
And when chaos drops
I'd let you take mine

244

Beacon

"Hope"
The word slides over my heart
But its meaning slips past empty hands
My mind's at a loss for its purpose
But when I make her smile, I feel it
Like a rescue beacon somewhere hidden
And I can only "hope" that she's right
About me obtaining happiness

245

Full Circle

I will destroy you
But for now I give you life
I provide warmth
I watch over your happiness
And sleep when you do
But my thoughts are there
Always, reflecting
Though you must know
Your time is limited
Perhaps it is best that I
The bringer of your light
Will also be the last shadow
To ever overcome you
I am your end

246

Inquisition

Are you tiring of my words
Time and time again I unfurl
My inside into stanzas
About your lips and eyes
Their effect on me as a person
I have to admit, I don't mind

I could write about you
For a decade and not tire
But now I'm left with shadows
And the dirt they've passed over
Can I keep building you castles
Or is it starting to look like
The work of a child?

247

In Exchange

Hair as black as the night
And as red as the lava
Contained in your heart
You have my curiosity
But your eyes, excuse me
While I pick my jaw off the floor
And your lips, excuse me
While I charge the defibrillators
When you smile, though
These features radiate
And when you say I'm the reason
Excuse me while I write of you
It's the least I could do

248

Not A 10-Second Car

180 pounds of American muscle
Veers over the threshold
Green headlights catch
Reflector eyes and a lambent grille
The two rev their engines and collide
No brakes, yielding twisted metal
Firing on all pistons, screeching tires
Like kerosene orgasms

249

Palatable

Under a pale blue sky
We're between night and day
Birds are in song and we're soon to be
The stars are faded crystals and your eyes brilliant ones
Our lips dance like boxers
My eyes smiling to taunt you
A calloused palm tracing the length of your thigh
And you bite down on your lip
The way I love, and I show it
Just before it's felt
My fingers like snakes in the dense meadows of hair
Flowing down your back
Our hearts seem to collide
And call me crazy but I feel like it's not the only thing that does
Then I swallow your orchestra
And we press 'repeat'
Without ever leaving the sheets

250

Scent

We hike Jupiter together
Taking in the scenery
Inhaling the spatial scent
I can feel you shudder
Not from cold, but liberty
Unbound and hell-bent
On making a living up here
More than we had ever been
Below, beneath the stars
Now we pulse among them
A kiss evaporates our fear
And on your lips I can taste Mars

251

Predator

She snuck across my field
Fierce eyes in a prowling
Body of sleep power and gorgeous grace
She was an animal in a humanoid vessel
She knew my weakness
And I was no fool to let her exploit them
If anything, I was wise
I was wise and beguiled

252

What Clouds?

A feeling so pure
It's as if your light is actually inside
And every qualm just dissipates
Whenever you open your eyes
Or smile my name

253

Double Perspective

I see the heart rolling around
On the ground below me
Screaming and crying
And loving
It bleeds all over the grass
It's no longer greener
But love is colorblind
So we'll see it burrow and
I will drop to take it back

254

That Night

Tepid leather
Curtains of hair
Whipping the air
Lungs to share
Hearts together
Teeth to bear
Moans a pair
One wet lair
Two to deliver
Without a care

255

Trilingual

You're bilingual
But today I will teach you a third
With a tongue heard
By no other spirit
Unless in my embrace
Taken to a place of lips and gazes
You won't even speak it

256

I Fell in Sleep with You

You closed your eyes
And I appeared with the gift of words
Not quite as beautiful or captivating as you
But with them came a representation
Of how my mind perceives you
Angelica with wings
Dragon's skin
And majestic, perhaps
A portrayal of how unbelievable this
Connection feels and how breathtaking
I will always find you to be, even when
I'm not there

257

The Death of You

I slip in beside you in this satin coffin of sorts
That embraces you as I do
Except that we don't belong
We're both thriving with life
Although my lips to your ear
Emit whispers in verse form
And my hand is greedy for a treasure you hold dear
Your thighs hug my wrist and your legs tingle

Like falling windchimes
Your heartbeat summits before it plummets
Your demise is slow and bittersweet
Your lungs somehow in mine and
Your hearing surrenders once I have the treasure
Yet with a simple gaze
My eyes resuscitate you
And I close the lid as an invitation for
You to do me in too

258

Ditched

Peel me from your boot heel
Feel me in the pain that won't heal
You found me only to rebound
Unwound me to the ground
How could you just take a bow?
Now I rise to dig in my plow
Six feet should be a good fix
Mixed with the heart you nixed

259

Too Crazy To Be True?

A single observation
Landed me in a padded room

I said she was perfection
The most beautiful woman
They deemed my sincerity
A slice of thick insanity
Now I dream through a window
Barring the sun's shadow
But I won't take it back
No, I am not a quack

260

Undeserted

These sands take us across the sun
Into the blue wide open
We're in the sky, just us
We're neither star nor cloud
But particles in an hourglass
Shattered and deluging
We're the journey
Beneath our feet and hearts
In the caustic hands of the desert

261

In Waiting

Discarded but not forgotten
I collect webs like memories

And love you even in my worse
I love you even as I begin to fade
Neglected by your arid heart

262

Gasm

You are the ripples in the waves
Upon which I surf and I just want to
Break your tide and pull you through the sky
When we crash we can taste the moon
In all its fullness against the black sky
As beautiful as your eyes if you just
Come with me now
If you just inject my name
At the tip of your tongue
In the maelstrom of your cries

263

Mesmer(eye)zed

I never thought I could swim
In anything but water
But when I found your eyes
I swam into the darkest
And deepest of nights
Until the full moons shone

And the wolves howled
When our lips touched
And our hearts clawed out

264

Flabbergasted

I ransacked the tears dripping down
Your rosy cheeks and the happiness
Missing from your arid sheets but I was
Not prepared for the treasure I eventually
Found, astounded by what so many have
Miraculously neglected

265

A Muse's Demise

Only when the stars cease to shine
Will I stop writing for and about you
But by then I won't even have to, see
We'll be inside, out
All over and in between
If you believe in that sort of thing, I mean
And maybe I do
And maybe I don't
But I guarantee you my heart
Will never digress

266

Captor of Senses

The notion of sight eludes me
When you whisper my name
And the world could be ablaze
But all I'd smell is your sweat
The concept of taste vanishes
Deep inside your treasury
And I could be under torture
But all I'd feel is your skin
The idea of sound hides from me
When your eyes find my soul

267

Oracle

The images reflect
Your eye
Like the beauty in
Your heart
Blinking like brush
Strokes

268

Still Standing But Not Standing Still

If I were to meet you at last
The sky might burn and the stars would fall to claim you again
But I'd stand still, I'd stand tall
I'd stand even as I fell for you for the first time all over again

269

Further Than They Appear

Memories come forth like waves of thunder
They beckon from me love of thought
Like you once yearned, only to discard
And now I see the beauty
Because I'm better off
Alone but less alone than when I was with you

270

No Amount

No amount of distance

Can keep me from feeling
This weight of nightfall
When your aphrodisiac lips
Utter my name in shadow
It's something else
Restricted to the dialect
Of skin and candlelight

271

Precipitation

These drips from my heart
They will not fall again
The only things I own
To be readily torn apart
Are my words, on your skin

272

Good Mourning

On a morning such as this
I yearn to taste your kiss
But alas I am alone
Yet still do I hear
Your eyes moan

273

Shiv(her)

I can taste your shivers
Like teardrops of sweat
On your brow as you come
With me into the unknown

274

Pillow Poem

I want you to stir from sleep
And read my words as if
They rested on your pillow
And from them you smile
As if I was right there
Beside you to return it
In kiss form and cup your cheek
Before drifting away so you feel
That I love you more than
You could ever read

275

(E)scape

These dreams
They surround me
And I'm listening
But they're mute
I don't even know
Which chapter they're focused on
I just want this feeling to leave me
And part my clouds 'til they've all gone

276

A Beautiful End

When the skies turn gray
Our souls will come out to play
In a silence with nothing left to say

277

Traces

You entered my dream
Leaving traces of skin
Signaling where you've been
And the voices that teem
Inside of my skull
Belong to your soul
So they breathe
"Set me free"

278

It's Healthy

I recall the smile
How I was beguiled
Once she begins
There is no end
I just wish she would
Move out of the woods

279

Reverse Side

I want to flip you over, examine your flaws
Dissect your perfections and investigate
Your beauty marks, dimples, sweet spots
I want to splatter your colors across my sky

280

Dawning

It's morning and all I can taste
Is you in the air, the thought of you
A concept worthy of sweet dreams
When the sky bleeds on your face
I see redwoods on fire in those eyes
And I don't want to grab water

281

Misconception

Explosions burst in your clouds
Raking claws through mine
I can feel your elation in my sky
Before your smile reaches me
This is why I love you so much
This is why I hate my life

282

Traversion

I walked into you but I ran through the corridors
Of your vast soul and that
Space between your mind and heart
I tripped along the way
But climbed your boundaries and dove in your fires
How I yearn for them to consume us both

283

Coming (Storm)

We sat there on the field
Sun playing hide and seek
Its final stretch of glow
Gliding down your face
I swiped your hair past an ear
Kissed your shoulders
Slipped my hand under
And welcomed the coming storm
As your eyes found the sky
And your heartbeat shuddered
No less than I

284

Final Chapter

Raindrops like weeping fog
From dead trees on a cold night
Streak your pale cheeks
On this morning of mourning
I'm going away, but my kiss
Will not ever leave you
I love you to death
And after it

285

Twogether

Come with me
To the brilliant edge
Watch the world burn
Holding hands
Swapping hearts

286

We Don't Need Light Where We're Going

We find shelter under the covers in the night
Where a dense shadow barricades our sight
But I don't need light to see your sights
Like your areola lips or the shine in your eyes
Like the sheen of sweat on your skin
Signifying a lascivious anticipation

All I need is you with your cardiac torch
And when your tongue quivers the word 'more'

287

Dimman

I taste your
Darkness in the river
Every ripple
Causing us to shiver
Each evil
Threatens to wither
Our smiles
Into twisted pleasure

288

By Nature

She once told me, with a curl of her lips
And a shake of her eyes, that she wasn't very good
At writing, especially poetry, but all I can think is
How poetic those lips and that smile looked, how poetic
Her eyes and the light in them sincerely felt
So I say, you needn't write what you are

289

Dying Together

Drive me into the horizon
Until the sun bleeds gray
Take me out into the void
It speaks to me here
Loud and in the calm
Frigid and beautiful
Kiss me once and smile
Then drive back to the world

290

The Whole World

As I hold you
I have a feeling
Like I've got the world
In my hands, all to myself
And when I make your eyes flutter
It's like I'm reaching for the clouds

291

The Artistic Feed

As the sun dances on your face
The contours of poetry surface
Boundless beauty in umber eyes
Reflect the stanzas that you write
With a talent and eloquence
Full of supportive appreciation
That shatters my diffidence
Gaining my fervent admiration

292

Here I Decay

Here I sit, waiting, here I decay
Missing all the times, missing the way
Your eyes used to pierce me
Your lips used to taste on me
Your fingers used to feel me
Here I sit, dreaming, here I decay
Realizing those times never came my way

293

Uncaged

Naïve, they tries to cage her heart
But it ripped past the bars
With more fang and claw than expected
Her beauty burst, conflagrated
The difference is, they met their demise
While I let her roll fire through my skies

294

My Lighthouse

You make stars of my eyes
Beating hearts of my arteries
You put the love in loveless
Introduce hope to hopeless
Your voice just shy of ecstasy
A forever cherished memory

295

Sea

You're a painting of life and love
A stain of beauty meant to stay
You're the calm sea inside of me
You're my window pane void of pain

296

Indoor Weather

Guided to the wall
Hand on your lower back
Other at your cheek
A kiss for warmth
A moan for hook
Teeth on lips and
Your tongue in my heart
Show me your ice
Freeze my worries
Then melt my dreams

297

Valediction

As the sun bids farewell
So do your inhibitions
Lips part with salivation
And I'm under your spell

Heated by your eyes
While darkness falls
Our heartbeats stall
As I feel you in mine

298

Oasis

Dreams etched in sand
Storm rustling thoughts
Breath in beauty, skin
Shine me my way home
Find me deserted
Brain matter windswept
Empty hands and calloused fingers
Repaid via dry kisses
Arid lungs gasping your wet name

299

Cycle

It was like she was a basketball
Tossed into the air, awaiting
The net, which was love's embrace
And I, the rim, comforted her
As she teetered on me, never
Given the chance to do more
Before she passed through me

Leaving me forgotten, alone
It's a vicious circle, being a hoop

300

Words Like Hearts

My skies light up when she says the words
Like I've traveled light years for them
And to come from someone
So beautiful, inside out
Makes me want to bend reality all the more
Afterall, she's made mine so malleable

301

A Beautiful Dem(eyes)

You once asked me for a
Slow death in my loving arms
Now I request of you, the same
But under your tantalizing gaze
I want you to give me a thousand mile stare
With those naturally beautiful eyes of yours
And just melt me from granite to magma
But be cruel with me, baby
Tease the blood from my veins like a snake charmer
Suck the marrow from my bones
With that simple gorgeous look

I want you to wake up and kiss me with your eyes
The way the sun does a flower
Giving it life before it does just the opposite
Except that for me, it'll be
Life in reverse, beautifully

302

Backfeed

A heart sketched in fire
No words needed
Kissed with a rippling effect
Words appreciated

303

Our Escape

Push rewind on the sun, watch it fall
In the slow- motion of your mascara
As you blink away the good tears
Press pause on the clouds' crusade
While the sky bleeds our spectrum
Feel the ocean crash into our hearts
Kiss me until the night claims us

304

Fetish

I seem to have a fetish for sunsets and
Your eyes, that smile
But then again these are features of beauty and
How is it unusual that I want to
Devour them and have them do me in?

305

Breathless

You leave me speechless
And I love you for that
I wish I could inhale
Your tongue so I
Could feel your
Every chuckle
In my lungs
We'd be as
One

306

Point Of No Return

Fingers claw sheets and rake skin
Shadow drips from her eyes like sweat
I took the path into her sinful abyss
Now I never want to turn back

307

Lost In Your Space

Portals to a distant dimension of reality
In sheer profundity
I imagine tumbling through emptiness
Filled with beauty
Finding everything
Before nothingness greets me like a kiss

308

The Long Way

Down the corridors of unreality

I find myself writing bridges and
Penning fires to burn them down
I create earth from oblivion and
Skeletal emotions from vacancy
This is the life outside of my own
That I would pursue if I had to
Choose but one route of the word

309

Nycto

I followed you into the night
Where creatures spied on our kisses
Each one a star birthing between us
And when the moon bled across the sky
I felt your cold touch erupt with satin fire

310

Crash Course

In velvet waves
She came crashing against my lips
Umber suns on me
Captivated, I fell through her embrace
And into a garden
Goddess appropriate

311

Well Spent

A million sunrises
Have bloomed in your eyes
A thousand parties
Celebrated for our connection
A hundred movies
Gone unwatched as we cuddled
Time well spent
In your presence

312

New Deluge

For so long my hopelessness
Filled these veins with crimson doubt
Then I met you on a wolf's moon
And the canals thickened
With the sanguinity of buoyant passion

313

An Understatement

I compare her eyes to the skies
Not because of beauty but profundity
Without being deceptive they hold me captive
With capricious splendor
I could float here forever

314

Woven

Weave your web of truths
I'll fall into them like stars
Burning your atmosphere
Do I have it all wrong?
I've been led to believe
That my heart is sincere
And yours is wet with love

315

FUBAR

Here I am, alone and broken
Everyone has magnifying glasses
Scissors and thimbles
But nobody wields nor a needle
and some thread

316

Falling Up

My wings might be marred
But I can still crawl to the finish line
While you're flying high amid the clouds
I'll be down here in the dregs
You'd be surprised where beauty hides
Behind grief or in plain sight
We'll befriend and we'll love
And we'll see you at the after party
Higher than the sun's finest glory

317

Melting Point

I want to melt into you
Layers of carnality and
Undomesticated mentality
Make your hands rise
Past your face and to the skies
I want to melt into you
Until we're left desirous
Of filling our absences
I miss you, I'll always miss you

As soon as I shut my eye

318

Metamorphosis

Emerald blades
Tickle your back
I can see cycles
Of lunar silver in
Your glinting eyes
As your full lips part
To moan my name and
I give you everything that
You've made me feel in return

319

Big Things

It's the little things you do
That pull me deeper into
Your multifaceted beauty
They hit me like satin anchors
Reeling me in gently and
Keeping me rooted like a
Blossoming orchard

320

Bon Appétit

Digits leaping from **your** precipice chin
Diving into the **valley** of your jugular
Quivering with every jolt from **below**
Pleasure **tickling** your skin beautifully
Earth risen **and** sunken, summits high
The atmosphere **thickening** and we fly
Together

321

In the Flesh

The sunlight writes lines of poetry
Better than mine ever could
Slathered into shadows
That evaporate your lows
If you ever had any
Your face now a mural
Of inexplicable beauty
Makes my mouth curl

322

Out of This World

It arrived like a steel halo
Breaking the canopies so
Before landing gracefully
Ramp unfurled peacefully
Out came you, nearly a dozen
What is this, an alien coven?
I know I've always said you
Are out of this world, but do
You expect me to handle this well?
At first I was ecstatic like stars fell
To grant me my wish come true
But at long last I ultimately knew
You are you for a damn good reason
And only one will never go out of season

323

Immortalized

I feel apt as your prince
But you treat me like a king
Though that'd make you queen
And you're much grander
So I'll be your warlord, goddess

Wage your battle for victory
Defeat any of your enemies
For a smile of tidal effect
And we'll reign all, unseen
But felt with every fiber
Of our supreme existences
Or so you have me convinced

324

Wet Hearts

Our passion splashes the glass
Daylight struggles to grace skin
But we need not wait for its shine
When I have the fire in your eyes
And the pulsation in that wild heart
I want to drown in your greatness
Together we can be beautifully insane
During this impossible recreation

325

Her Eyes

Rainbows don't need to gleam
In her eyes for me to see beauty
I feel it course through me

When I gaze into them deeply
Held captive but given liberty
To swim in their everything
How I long to taste their sheen

326

Not For Rent; For Sale Only

My heart's a mess
My brain's even worse
While cleanup is a must
Sharing is priceless
If you're willing to trust

327

A Sensation

Your crescent moon earrings
Litter the floor by my feet
I taste your gaze like cherries
Pores leaking the sky's lust
Closer than gravity permits

328

Strong for the Stronger

It's common knowledge that you've been gone
For some time now and I often wonder if
You're the reason why the clouds smile at me when they do
I can't say I believe in a heaven but you make me want to
And here I lie, a grown man crying, asking questions
That, much like your exist, drift into oblivion
Well I wish to see you again someday, friend
So I'll swallow my weakness in hopes of it coming true

329

Threshold

I walked into your frozen lights
A thousand fireflies
Dancing in the clouds
A gray shift
And you sucked me in
Blinking dry
Wet with inception
I sunk into your everything

330

The Experience

She howls like lightning rising from the ocean
It's a beautiful opus that bids farewell to inhibition
And she soars like a pterodactyl across my skies
Making me question the boundaries that define
A near-death experience

331

Love's Lost Mobile

Glass beaches in her irises
Led me to a place between her fingers
In the creases of lost love
I found what I'd let go of long ago
Spiraling in her cyclonic soul
Was my heart pleading May Day?
And as if a soft whisper
Came to my lips her voice of comfort
Claiming me as her own
And miraculously she as mine

332

Slash, M, Backslash

Her devil horns crept through
A waterfall of black mambas
And she wanted me to hit
The throttle hard as we came
Together in a furious collision
Of iniquitous passion that
Welded us with the night

333

Upward Spiral

I'm falling in slow motion every time
I step foot in your gaze's labyrinth
Colors enrobe me with their warmth
It's more of a soft glow than shine
But I'm spinning and we're in love

334

Inside-Out

Whole clocks bleed in my skull
A silent cry of terror and pain
My sore corpse takes recess
While my busy brain erupts
Clawing at the seams, voracious
Apparitions seize me hostage
They'll get out sooner
Rather than later
And I, a vessel
Now empties

335

That Look

If you were here right now
Those eyes would pin me
Against a wall as my hands might
Your body, every shudder to call mine
And with a delicate smile
You'd weaken my knees
As you've strengthened my heart

336

Everywhere

Waves crash like oceanic clouds

Hurling my brains skyward
I don't fight to seize them, just drift
Until I, too, have no place to go
Except everywhere

337

You Spelled Perfection Wrong

I perceive
No distortion
Just beauty in
Its rawest form
Spiraling but still in
Control and warped
No less than the mind
Does to what the eye sees

338

Indigo

The reefs dizzy me
I see a shark, it bites me
My hands comes free
I taste of the strong
As it floats to the bottom of the sea
And I realize, this is where I belong
At the center of a feeding frenzy

339

No Feathers

Streamlined drips lift
Me through this muck
Like a shot of adrenaline
My heart grows wings
Darkness is but a word

340

Oneirology

You puncture my
Subconscious where
Nightmares have been
Prevalent and tame me
In monochromatic beauty
This is how I was meant to sleep

341

The Perfect Palette

I recall the latticework of shadow
Played across your face like artwork
Amplifying your canvas of beauty
Midnight lips and delectable eyes
Then the present resumes and I
Smile myself sweetly asleep

342

Embrace

Wall-pressed curvature
Arched skeleton structure
Full-throttle thrusters
Warcries like lit flowers

343

Set Free

A tired mind bears the burden of a long day
Thoughts drenching the walls
I move over to you
Lift your chin with a finger
Kiss wine-bled lips
Ingest your placid fire
The day was long, the night has just begun

344

Capricious

Chaos bleeds from my lips
Like a loaded gun
I wear it well, wouldn't you say?
I wait for it again
To slip from my fingertips
And can't expect you to stay

345

Traverse

The expansion of time and space
Evaporates the fears in our bodies
The stars illuminate your irises
The darks and the lights seize me
We are but one color folded together

346

All-Time High

Disintegrate my concerns
I feel higher than the steeples
Piercing the night sky with you
We could be on the sidewalk
But I'll always breathe clouds
When your gaze swallows mine

347

Inspire

I once said I had no inspiration
Then I hit play and closed my eyes
Thinking of you
Poetry wrote itself

348

Entwined

The canopies whisper
As an avian fluttering
Captures my ears
Her thoughts alive
Her heart entwined
She is the wilderness
Too much and never enough

349

A New Light

The skies ripple in your morning eyes
I can taste the static on my tongue
As your skin erratically crawls under me
Every sensation a molecular aspiration
To be deeper, to be thicker
In this air we've created

350

Annual

Summer's come in your eyes
Spring like raindrops on your skin
I taste the midnight dew on your lips
Of autumn's sweat like blood
Leaves leave a vascular kiss
I wish to never abandon
In time's inexorable shadow

351

Conflagration

An avalanche of kisses descends
Your back
Before ascending to the heaven at
Your neck
And zealous peace sets fire to
Your clouds

352

Bridge of Secrets

I meet you under the Bridge of Secrets at the park where we first kissed. Your silhouette should be outlined as most are, dark from the panther shadows cast by the bridge above you. Instead there is a yellowish glow behind you; it's a sunny day out, clear-skied and beautiful feeling, but the verdant canopies at the park hinder most of the radiance. Even so, I see it clearly. When I reach you, you reel the breath out of my lungs with eyes that hardly move, but speak by themselves. Roses weep down the brick wall behind you, and before we've spoken, a mutual kiss says everything our hearts have ever wanted to.

353

Illegible

Evening layers the earth's sky

Making me wonder what's next
For this place of abhorrence and beauty
That twisted reality of confusion
I have come to love so bafflingly

354

Maze of Tastes

I want to seize your throat
With my lips and kiss your own
With a tongue on the run
We can exchange lungs
As long as you pull me into
Your maze of tastes

355

Playground of Shadows

Suck me into that place
You call home, sweet home
Your oubliette of secrets
Where shadowy thoughts
Play on the backs of your
Wiser, more cautious ones
Suck me into that darkness
Where the only light is your heart
Suspended like a blood moon

Teasing me for more
Pleasing me like never before

356

Sweet Surrender

A peace like no other
A kiss to reminisce
Waves which I crave
Warmth in torrents
Sweet surrender
Meet me forever

357

Fulfilled

Empty parking lots
And adrenaline shots
Pull me deep into you
But not all the way through

Vanishing points
And tingling loins
Push me into the stars
But not unless it's dark

358

Wherever Here Is

Past her was a pasture
Of unkempt beauty like she
Had me in her hand, disbanded
Dissected and lovely infectious
With the sunlight's brightest kiss

359

Bld

I wish to hold your hand down this botanical corridor
We may walk or speed, regardless it'll be fast hearts
Whenever you're with me
Like sky swallowing canopies

360

Oceanic Skies

Men say they find skies
In the boundaries of your eyes

I don't understand, I see none
Instead I perceive oceans
With greater possibilities
And extensive exploration
Waves upon which I swim
Waves that crash into me
Besides, who says
We can't fly in the sea?
In your I am never immobile

361

A Complex Simplicity

Simplicity from
Something so beautiful
Is locked away
In the profundities that
Fabricate her
Incredible charisma
To begin with

362

[good]bye

She could blow a kiss
Like nobody I'd ever met before
Her goodbye was so sweet

It slipped into my blood
Thickening it with whispers
Mellifluous to my ears
Slowly poisoning me

Now I remember, yes
It was I who said the word
“goodbye”
Although there was little
“good” in it

363

Cubed

Set you down on the table
This requires my full attention
Be my Rubik’s Cube tonight
Unravel my mind as I study you
Ascertain your purpose
And figure out your turns
Toy with my head and I will
Scramble your sensations

364

That Feeling

Damn, I love writing. That feeling when you have a story in

place and every time you breathe the words just flow. I feel unconquerable. The world could shun my desire and rebuke my prose, I wouldn't care. This feeling has me enrapt. I wish I could drape my words over the trees and lick them into the air. I wish I could kiss you with them, enrobe you with their comfort. For now I'll just write. Eventually my skin and heart will absorb the gauze.

365

Female Canine

You claimed
To have a wolf's
Spirit in your heart
A wolf in wolf's clothing
Should have known better
Thought I could be your moon
In reality I was just a reflection

367

Inertia

Your eyes wet with the tides of this place, gray skies of beauty don't relinquish the orchestral inertia that draws my conscience to your skin and vice versa, I sometimes wish I could taste your thoughts like the brine of crashing waves on the morning's shore, instead we find ourselves in the raw shipwrecks of a

storm so dark it's imperceptible how I love you this way, and
this much, I just wish we could ride the reanimation of what was
once lost into the icy horizon, a cold embrace and a kiss of
warmth, whispering like buoys to another fallen angel

368

Poetry

And to think
You don't call yourself a poet
What is it, then
When you blink
And your lips curl up?

369

Make Believe

Place your hand over my eyes
Let the silent darkness consume
Yet a spider of light marches
Just barely across my face
And when your hand withdraws
I take into sight, so sore and marvellous

370

Fireflies In My Stomach

You say when she looks at you, you get the feeling of butterflies in your stomach. I grasp this amateurish analogy but when our eyes meet I feel a swarm of fireflies swimming up a storm in my bowels, and when she smiles too it's like fire in flight

371

Bridge of Secrets, Act II

After the Bridge of Secrets, we had nothing to hide from each other. I tore her walls down and she obliterated mine. Wings plucked and regrown, voice taken with each kiss only to be returned again. Her raven eyes found me and dissected my fears. I turned hers over with my fingertips, meticulous and unforgiving in inspection. We played with the shadows in each other's niches, before ingesting them with eager mouths. Her midnight lips tasted every flaw, strength, and wound, healing in more ways than one. Before long her caramel skin was in layers with mine, and by the end of it I honestly don't know if two people walked out from beneath those canopies.

372

Red-Headed Desire

She came to me with oracle eyes and cerulean promises, but I wouldn't listen, all I could do was stare, 'til I found my answers to the questions I'd never asked, and when I went to seize them I discovered that the seas beneath which her treasures rested gave breath to the life I'd lost to the darker skies of my past.

Fire splashed the walls when I squeezed her close, perhaps it was her heart taking beautiful exhalations, and when the stars burst azure, I knew that this experience as something restricted to dreams and my alarm clock, should it even exist, better remain in exile because I long to explore the sinuous paths her existence offers.

373

Firmament Tenement

Look at the sky, it's this disheveled gray, beaten and splattered into firmament batter, thoughts eviscerated from a brain of infinite matter that shatters a conscience I used to call mine, I'm flattered that you think it matters but more often than not it just feels tattered and sounds like rain pattering a tin roof that's due to collapse...at any...minute

374

Liberation

Break down my walls
Rip my scabbards free
Tear away my ceiling
Eradicate my plights
Fill my world with life

375

Friction Salvation

Waves of static
Comb her hair
Like currents in a lightning storm
My nape hair
Stands on end
As our energies find common ground
In the skies
Beneath our skin

376

Entered

Shadows dance from her hair
And onto the valleys of my face
Her dark eyes bleed lust
In the splashing light of her lips
That voice our hearts as one
While tongues mate with skin

377

Senseless

Her sex appeal is like wolverine
Painted on jungle leaves
A seventh sense to join the sixth she
Gave me when I tasted her skin
Matterless essence in life put
On display behind closed walls
Sweating and weeping from the
Ecstasy we seem to seep
This is the woman I fall in love with

378

Amor

My phone auto-corrects you to ARMOR
But honestly that extra R makes sense

Because you're my hope and love
My protection, my Kevlar
Against doubts and diffidence
So I say proudly
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379

Canvas of Dreams

I found her on a canvas of dreams
Splashed with the color of verve
She pulled me into her valleys
And we knitted the sky on our skin

380

Voluntary

She tries to resist the fingers' spell
But her dress succumbed to the wind
And as the sun kissed her cheeks
She knew night's cold grasp was at its end
But the fingers' warmth just swelled
Until her heart did, too, spine made weak

381

Horizon Mouth

Let the beauty bleed
Out of your horizon mouth
Kiss me with wide portals
And those sundown lips

382

Dreamt

I dream of life
Without pain, envy, and hate
I dream of death

383

Imagine a Year

A day without
Talking to her
Is like a week
Of misery

But a day
Spent on her lips
Is like a week
Of ecstasy

384

Beachhead

Her fangs sunk into me again
Breathing fire into my veins
I forgot what year it was and
Time wept sand in her hourglass
Turning my body into a beachhead

385

Otherworldly

We can elope to the stars
An interstellar adventure fit for us
You'll wear Saturn's rings
Like hula hoops
On your curves
And my eyes will blaze
Like the volcanoes of Jupiter
Every time your supernova dimples
Smile galaxies across mine
Lips worthy of sweating suns

In universes not yet named
Except for when it slides
Off the tip of my tongue
And you embrace me like a wormhole
Forgetting where we sit
Having never left your room

386

Inc(ar)na(t)e

Midnight eyes
Minuscule smile
Perception of beauty
Find myself lost
Speechless and yet
Spilling stanzas
For an artist
Moreover
Art incarnate

387

Storyteller

A thousand stories are eloquently
Written
On the pale waves of her beautiful
Skin

Just think of the fables her heart
Beckons
The wonder of shadows shouldn't be
Questioned

388

Talkative

I don't know why I talk sometimes. My heart is synonymous with my tongue and my brain is in a state of decay, either that or indefinitely exiled. It's both a weakness and a strength, a flaw and a quality all at once. Maybe that's a reason why I can't sleep at night. I want to love but your concept or perception of it is bound by unseen chains rattling on the walls of expectations. I don't know why I share sometimes.

389

Artist's Touch

Dissolve this feeling of vacancy
Filled by the lines of your face
A familiar beauty in reflective eyes
Wish I could see me as you do
And now I can with an artist's touch

390

Im(not)perfect

She strode toward him
A million of them, perfect
She hadn't a complaint in mind
When the buffet ended
I strode toward her
Just one, perfect
She picked up a pencil

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391

Insurmountable

Convert this storm into sweeping chains
That bind me to you
We can demolish all and consume hearts
Like the darkness which clings to you

392

She

She is the fire in my blood
She is the metaphor you yearn to grasp
She is my love and the world's
She is not mine to have
But she will forever be mine to love
Mine to appreciate and be grateful for
Mine lest time take her from me
I only pray that it takes me first
And the embers in her eyes
May carry me to that special place
I find in my darkest moments
Made tolerable from the reminder
That this woman loves me

393

Blackout

Obsidian waves
Argent lightning
Glimmers your skin
Under fingertips
Tracing clouds
As your earth quakes

And your voice thunderclaps

394

Search Party

I search for you
Stepping on light bulbs all night long
Sweeping diesel eyes of disarray
I hope your love sustains
Strength in me

395

Apex

It falls upon them, centuries of timeless hunger
Feral spirits with warrior's blood and inherent rage
The inferior crushed then hung upon the wall
As they rise up off the backs of their dead

396

Boundless

Her mind ran amok in the fields
Filling their void with beautiful thought
Civilizations crumpled as time lapsed
But her rumination and memories breathed life
Wherever decay had sunk in its claws
She is whom you thank for that peace
That has settled in your heart
When you are alone beneath an empty sky

397

The Vault In Our Scars

The pain of a millennia
Crawls through shadows
Stitched across my skin
Sunlight kisses its face
Unlocking the heart within
It beats void of fear
But will forever hold dear
The despair it triumphed

398

Dementia

To the wolf of my rearview mirror
Swathed in night, regrets and joys
I'm weaker than I would like to be

I respect your pack mentality
And the lunar side of me loves you
Despite the oblivion you left me in
I saw so much in you, and more
But I won't address you
As the moon does the ocean
If you care not to howl my name

399

Ravenous

She devoured me like a thousand sharks
Chum-stitched hearts and delectable blood
My viscera framed her teeth
Which she picked with my bones
I recall her rapacious gaze
Yet not once did I scream for help
Though screaming, there was plenty

400

Sinful

I bottled her smiles
To last me endless midnights
But upon taking an early peek
I was forever blinded
Yet when she laughed

I became deaf as well
For the sound of her smiles
I was also so greedy

401

Accounted For

On the account of love
I'd wish the trees to bleed your name
When I'm buried at their feet
And your voice could
Resonate in my tomb
I'd have the sweetest dreams

402

Beautiful Illusion

I don't know why but when I see her smile
It gives flight to my blood
I feel lightheaded
And feathers fill my stomach
I have this illusion
That my reflection gleams
In those beautiful dark eyes
*Even when that smile has nothing to do with me
I feel for a moment
That I could take on anything*

403

Always Here

An array of eyes
Finds me in the deep
Waveless skies
Begin their creep
Beneath my conscience
Haunting me to fade
But I hold a strong presence
I refuse to peel away

404

Discovered

Her gift shone in my eyes
Glistening off pursed lips
I tasted magic before
I ever witnessed its birth
Reality bended to us
Folding along dotted lines
We perforated the feasible
And she shattered everything I knew
To become all I ever loved

405

Rai(n)

Your smile controls the skies in fields of
Perception, I've only known beauty like
Yours once in my life and with you it's
Explosive, your happiness resonates
With inspiration

406

Observatory

So many compare her eyes to stars
Which I feel is an understatement
I see them as small earths
Backwater exoplanets thriving
With life on an exponential value
And when the sun hits them just right
You'll swear you're standing on the moon

407

Forgetting You

“I remember”
I contemplate, knowing I shouldn’t
But I do, still, hold you in memory
How sexy and accident-causing beautiful
You could be without showing
A patch of skin beyond your face
Dark gems of eyes and stung lips
Pale Salvadorian skin imperfect
But quite the opposite to me
I wish I could say
“I forget”

408

Eyeful

I could write essays of poetry
About her eyes.
I truly believe a woman’s eyes
Are her most beautiful feature
And I don’t just mean their color
For it is sometimes the least vibrant
Capable of the brightest emanations
And also is the gaze alone
Its direction and power almost nuclear
Then the eyebrows
Like a puppeteer’s strings training their reticules on you
And so it is that I may never tire of spilling stanzas in the
Name of her eyes
For there are not enough words in the universe’s entirety
To explain their effect on me.

409

Beyond

Let go of this solar anchor
Binding your veins to the trees
When the sky's limits yawn
Welcoming you to greater
Expanses than one might believe

410

Zephyr

We crossed the wasteland in search of
Something, anything, each other
Until a zephyr whipped between us
Shedding clothes and inhibitions
Our minds became writhen and fixated
On devouring the other's satiation
When we clashed, the sun sought cover
Until all that remained was the glare
In each of her saturated irises

411

Quarter Century

Twenty-five towers breathe fire
Into the humid sky, reminiscent
Of that fateful Louisiana afternoon
Half of a half-century has passed
Bewilderment blindsides me
No banners or intoxications
Streamers or smiling throngs
Just a pair of friends from the days
Of clapping lockers and report cards
Now full time jobs and bills
I'm far from happy but content
With the acquaintances I've made
The hearts I've bonded with
And the opportunity provided by my
Highest deity who nurtured me through
The thickest storms and thinnest ice
So now I blow out the flames
And devour the chocolate tides
Looking forward to brighter skies
And copiously buoyant days

