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I'm 20 years old. Trying to put my experiences as passionately as possible into a poem.

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The ocean carries my body away,

It carries me away from worry,

I some times forget it has taken and most of the time abandoned me,

But I still drag my feet across the sand,

I still drag my body into the waves,

I stick my head under the waves until subconsciously I decide to go back for air,

I do not regret forcing myself to breathe nor do I question why I stick my head under,

I like to live as if there's a purpose,

More of a silver lining,

Perhaps for the lady whose finger is shining,

Cause she's found herself sticking her head under the waves,

So perhaps the ocean did more than drown us,

I think it saved us and gave us a meaning not to stick our heads under.

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## 21 (If I Knew I Would Have Told You More)

I don't think it's that easy for me to explain,  
Explain all the things that go through my head,  
Like where we're going or where we've been,  
Wasting Sunday nights together,  
You were my second home,  
Telling one another we were some what special,  
I guess it never really mattered,  
We never really had that connection though,  
Talking about us together in the near future,  
It's safe to say we never made there,  
Although I remember every little thing from fights to kissing you to playing with  
your hair,  
The winter told me that summer wasn't going to be an warmer,  
Time without you it made me grow fonder to you,  
Because in that point of my life everything was darker and my happiness  
revolved around you,  
I just wanted to say that I miss you and dang,  
Some times I wonder if you ever think we'd get back together and if we could  
make that quick,  
Even if we didn't it'd be nice to hear from you now and then,  
Because after all that we've been through and I can't really just let you go  
without calling you a 'friend',  
Call me 'weak',  
Call me 'pathetic',  
But that time we shared?  
Yeah I will never forget it.

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You make me want to...

CUT MYSELF at the thought of spend our lives together

I want to puke blood when you smile and say 'I love you'

And to think if I was happy where would all this hate come from?

You've made me cry for days

I feel so weak because, I should have stood up on my own

And now, I see if I continue to fall for something like you

The butterflies in my stomach, tell that I am sick of playing this 'game'

When you look at me I can't help but smile, to only hide my true pain

It's hard to see and I think now I am breathing

And now I see that we will never be

I give up, and you give in

So the end is near so let it begin

And let me get this off my chest....

Your kisses taste like lust and the others before me

I hate the way you leave me speechless

I hate the way I feel towards you

And all that is left for me to say is 'I hate you' &#9829;

And you could care less :)

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## 8 Years,8 Years And Counting

I'm fading away from you with each passing day,  
Told me that I was everything to you and still somehow we went our separate  
ways,  
At first we refused to believe,  
You're a great liar and I soon fooled me,  
Now opened up I have this feeling of needing you,  
(And you're needing me)  
You're a liar and fake,  
Using these to explain you isn't good enough and it's cliché,  
I can't even summon the courage on how to describe what you are,  
Instead I'll run,  
Instead I'll slip away,  
Crawl to all the memories we've made up into the back of my head,  
Without trying to be overdramatic it seemed as if nothing was what it was  
supposed to be,  
Alone and confused in a place where I have no one to talk to,  
Or its what I made myself believe?  
I like this pain of being heartbroken,  
It seemed to me that this was what it took to make me feel alive,  
They ask me all the time 'Did it hurt? '  
And I always reply 'Not only emotionally but physically as well'  
'Do I regret it? '  
'No, no, no.... not a single thing! '  
I'm not going to close myself up,  
I'm not going to make it worse,  
It is what it is,  
The worst has already come,  
I can only look ahead and hope for a better day,  
Then she asked me 'Do you still love her? '  
I will force a smile and hold back the tears and reply 'Yes.'

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Explain to me how you're feeling inside,  
Do your best but please don't cry,  
Pour your heart out,  
I'm the only one here and I am listening,  
Scream your deepest secrets,  
I am not here to judge you,  
Let me feel what you feel,  
I want to know what you know,  
I need what you need.  
I love what you love,  
You're in love with me and I hate myself,  
Don't think it'll get any better,  
I can't help you anymore,  
I have to set you free,  
Please forgive me,  
It's been too long since I've done this,  
There goes our plans for the future,  
I don't know what to tell you,  
But I know that what you want to hear,  
I am afraid to tell you this but I have not even begun to explain myself.

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# A Beautiful Reminder To Why Boys Shouldn'T Be The Ones To Fall In Love First

Love does it even mean anymore?  
I've thought I found it once maybe twice,  
And it was always the same,  
Painful, and a waste of time,  
Counting the hours 'till I see you again,  
I grew helpless as the seconds went by,  
I tried to wear my heart on my sleeve hoping one day I'd be happy,  
All I did was bring my hopes up for what could have been the worst day of my  
life,  
I don't want to say it anymore,  
I don't want to feel this anymore,  
I don't want to give up my happiness for anyone anymore,  
I don't want a part of this anymore,  
I want to give on this search,  
I want to stop when the going gets easy,  
I want to leave everything behind before this starts to get real,  
I thought I could trust you,  
I was sadly mistaken,  
But thank you so very much for opening my eyes.

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# A Bottle Of The Cheapest Vodka And A Pack Of Cigarettes

&lt;/&gt;Oh man nothing I miss more than my brother,  
So powerful,  
So brave,  
Never thought I'd be able to lose him,  
But the tides change and sadly we've gone our seperate ways,  
Hanging out late nights,  
Chasing cars and screaming songs,  
Without you I feel like there is a part of my life missing,  
From the moment we met I knew we'd be best firends,  
Forever by one anothers side,  
I always imagined us moving in together,  
At least untill we got our heads straight,  
Too bad destiny had to pulls away,  
Now you're growing up and I am pround of you,  
Soon it'll be my turn to go what you're going through,  
And I know you'd be there to support me every step of the way.

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# Adrian

He should have really saw this one coming

Running around blind with the window open

He tried to reach for hope

But, like all of his dreams crashing down of top of him

Screaming for his second chance to be accepted

No one listens, no one really cares

I saw him sitting alone in the back of his mind

When all his friends were made up of empty memories

When his bed was turned upside down

Nothing was ever good

He could really be misunderstood

'Be afraid' screaming at himself in the dark

Completely pushed aside

Casting a shadows twice as insecure as him

He looks back on his life wishing it'll all put itself back together

Dreaming and hoping to wake up to a world where he's not rejected

He shuts everyone out only because of they fear that they'll do it before him

Changing his face with the crowd so he can 'fit in'

But there was a time in his life were he was made of pure gold

Forcing himself to sleep so he doesn't catch a cold

Tired, beaten and broken he wants to go back to the old

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# All A Part Of Growing Up?

Is there something left to say when your mouth is sewn shut?  
What do you expect to hear when your eardrums are punctured?  
And what do you expect to see when your eyes are blindfolded?  
How am I supposed to move when I can't even breathe

And tell me what am I supposed to be  
Since the day it started the constant fear of drowning has stayed in mind  
Entering my head and crawling into the back  
Eating away my soul, slowly

I'm tired of being afraid  
I'm tired of being alone  
And I'm tired of expecting that I have nothing  
Just another part of growing up?

It's the pressure that consumes me  
Which makes me something I'm not  
Nothing is what I am  
Nothing is what I remain

Just dragging my feet in the sand  
I hope the tide comes in quick to erase my steps  
So no one follows me down the path  
And just like everyone else, I am forgotten

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# Broken But Not Quite Yet Defeated

Take those roses now  
And burn them  
Turn them into lust  
What does it take?  
To turn something great  
And destroy it, destroy it without looking back

Turn away right now before it's too late  
And guess what it's never too late for you  
We need a new change of plans  
Go sleep around have some fun

You're just a teen and it shows  
You just wanted to be set free  
And the only way for that to happen was getting go for me  
I was simple, too simple  
You faked what we had  
And nothing is what it we started out with

Just another silly game we played  
Just remember that I will never be the same  
After this ever again  
With these scars you've left me with  
And your taste of sin

My skin is dry  
My mouth is swollen  
And to top it all my heart is broken

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## But What Are We To Do?

February is my most depressing month,  
I try to look forward but I'm afraid of where I'll go so I'll look down,  
I get caught up in memories of us,  
The good,  
The bad,  
Sometimes I really wish I could have not turned out this way,  
Now often I'm screaming your name randomly and you're the only thing that  
come to my head,  
I look around and see you everywhere,  
You left your taste in my mouth and now I can't begin to explain,  
Explain the mental state you left me in,  
I shouldn't be the one hurt,  
I shouldn't be the one confused,  
I shouldn't have been the one that was misused,  
It all happens but what are we to do?  
Sit still in the corner of my room waiting to hear from you,  
And I get nothing not even a 'How have you been? ',  
Even if I had to lie to you it'd make me happy knowing you cared,  
Even if you had nothing to say to me I want to know that you're there,  
But even though my life isn't perfect,  
It was a lot better when you were with me and I wasn't alone,  
I've got to be happy with what I got,  
And just learn to let go of what I can't have.

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# Can'T Read Your Mind But This Is Close Enough

All these broken dreams in my hands,  
So sharp it cuts just like glass,  
As the blood runs off my fingertips,  
The pain escapes but, the memories are in so deep,  
I can't feel my heart,  
I am losing too much blood,  
Soon I'll lose my breathe,  
And my eyes will close,  
And what do I picture?  
Just a beautiful girl in a broken world,  
For everything she knew fell on top of her,  
Dropped her past the floor,  
Can she recover?  
Will she get back up?  
For that one moment in serenity she would kill,  
She would fight,  
Just to talk some sense into him,  
If only she knew,  
How much he meant to her.

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# Dancing With Your Shoes Off

I remember when you leaned in to kiss me on the school yard back in the fourth grade,  
I remember those long walks around the park and watching the town parade,  
I remember holding your hand for the first time and asking you to dance,  
I remember when we broke out into silence and when your tears soaked my shirt,  
I remember saying sorry a thousand times and promising it'll never happy again  
and each promise sealed with a kiss,  
I remember watching the sunrise and the sunset with you,  
I remember sneaking into your room on late school nights,  
I remember driving around this small town with your hand tightly in mine,  
And if there was a sign that this would last forever,  
It would have been shown,  
Like all great things this one ended with a sting from the rose I pulled for you,  
The madness you had driven me to,  
Crying myself to sleep every night,  
And the saddest thing is I don't regret a single fight.

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# De's Shead

&lt;/&gt;Blue lips that kill,  
Every time we touch,  
I feel,  
The light is getting brighter,  
And I can't see whats ahead,  
Hold on to my hope,  
I know its all that I've got,  
And Its keeping me from falling,  
And never getting back up,  
So I have enough of these games,  
Now that you're gone I'll never be the same,  
Try to forget your name,  
It bring too much pain,  
Grey skin that shines,  
Under the moonlight,  
If I saw it 14 years ago I would scream in fright,  
You lost all of your sight, smell, and now it feels like a living hell,  
Welcome to my world I've felt this way,  
Since the day you took it from me,  
And crushed all of my dreams,  
Your hair is wearing thin,  
And turning white.

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# Don'T Even Worry About Tomorrow

Should our dreams be taken from us and placed where it seems far beyond our reach

Nothing comforts me more than the softness in your speech

Tangle my finger in your hair

Staring into those eyes I find myself far from despair

Never giving up on what we want to be

Nothing can hold us down

Forever by your side

Standing tall and holding your hand until the end

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# Drunk Texting

The best way,  
The only way,  
To truly let out your 'true' feelings,  
It's kind of upsetting,  
But I don't care all that much,  
We've come to accept the fact that we've always been alone,  
Even from the start I was always in the 'friend zone',  
You said you you're in love with me,  
You can't settle down,  
The sad part is we still drown ourselves in poisons,  
I convince myself I don't need you,  
You coming crying to me every 10 seconds,  
I want to ignore you,  
I want to forget you,  
I want to move on and away from you,  
It's not so easy when I can't stand being away from you,  
So here's to another miserable day alone,  
From when the sun comes to the moon starts to glow,  
Forever making ourselves go through this pain,  
Hopefully one day I can spit all the lies you've fed me.

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# Even Photoshop Couldn'T Cover These Scars

I've reached the end of the bottle once again,  
With a handful of pictures,  
Sitting outside of the house I grew up in,  
I miss you so much it hurts to even think,  
Sadly I gave you too much and you didn't even thank me,  
Not once,  
I am on knees,  
Hoping one day we'd meet again,  
So I can get this burden off of my chest for the first time in 8 years,  
I feel like you still aren't listening to my cries,  
But it's not hard to believe that you aren't,  
There is no faith,  
I can't do anything for you now,  
You're in a perfect place,  
I have been wanting to let you go,  
There is just one thing I need to know,  
If you ever put in the same amount of effort I did?  
If you even cared about the time we shared?  
It seems like when we meet again,  
All questions shall be answered,  
Let's hope I don't give up before I hear the truth.

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# Faithless

Close you eyes it's time to pretend  
Life feels a lot less sad when you're chillin' with your imaginary friends  
Always listening to what you have to say  
Never neglecting you, no not a single day  
Of pain and misery has covered this place  
There was a time where not a needle pierced these vein  
This is what helps me escape and kill the pain  
Drowning in a sea of worries  
I was left to overcome  
I was such a coward, I hid from everyone  
I've come here to redeem myself but, isolated those I've come to know and love

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# Family Blood

My screams become become whispers as they hit a human ear,  
I fall to my knees and shatter the glass ground I was always standing on,  
Eyes closed I run towards the edge not knowing when I will reach it,  
And the fear causes my heart to beat slowly,

Surprisingly I knew this moment would come,  
I put my hand up to block out the sun,  
But, my eyes they remain dry,  
Wondering for years if it'll ever go back to what it used to be,  
Sitting on the porch hoping you'd return,

I tired of waiting, and I lost my purpose,  
Where did you go?  
Sometimes I would wonder what you did,  
Telling me you'll be back as mother's crying,  
That since of hope I was given crushed,

He told me it'd be okay,  
But judging on the look on his face I felt like nothing would ever be the same,  
I always wondered what had become of you,  
Innocent and deceived,  
The man who I wanted to be,  
Was the man causing me this shameless misery,  
Just a mind full of lies,  
And a dad who can't see his own reflection,  
Take me in your arms and tell me it's all going to be okay?  
Lie to me and so that I can go to sleep,  
Pretend to be the person you wanted to make me see,  
And in the end, all for what?  
A son who is ashamed of where he came from.

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# Girl In The Mirror

Every time I look in there  
I see a pitch black mirror  
And every time I get near  
I see the woman in white  
And as she looks back into my eyes

She starts to cry  
I ask her what's wrong  
And she just screams  
And then that's when the whole world began to shake underneath me  
I am holding on to the edge by a finger  
And the woman from the mirror walk up to me

She looked me in the eyes and said "I don't believe in what you are"  
"You stand for one thing, and then you fall"  
She stepped on my finger until I let go  
And as I fell she just kept getting closer  
And just before I hit the ground  
Out from the wreckage comes a hand  
And it helps me back up again  
And as I rise I see light blue skies and birds singing  
But, when I look down I see a never ending pitch black hole  
And even though I feel like I am ascending towards the sky

It's really just in my mind  
And when I realize it  
I see the black mirror again  
But, this time the woman's hand reaches out to be my friend  
And when I went for it I came to realize it was the hand the hand that helped me  
catch my breathe

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# Gotta Love My Pops

We can stand here and stare into each others eyes  
Or I can turn around and leave without ever saying 'Goodbye'  
Walk down the path I once made  
Dragging my feet along the sand

I once happily walked one  
The sun had lost it's warmth whenever I lay beneath it  
Life seemed pathetic and weak  
As I stumbled on to my knees  
And that night I cried a thousand 'pleas'

No one was listening  
As blood ran down my lips  
As my tears soon spilled  
I knew what had become of you  
And your broken hands can't fix the pain

The pain of suffering  
I remember when I could come to you for some guidance  
And you'd support me  
And every time I fell you'd keep me up on to my feet  
Teach me the mistakes I made  
And lead me down the right way

Blood is what holds these memories  
But, if it weren't for you I'm sure I would be nothing  
So, I thank you for making me strong  
So take your sorrows and throw them at someone else  
And the same love will never be expressed between you and me

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# I Can Do This On My Own (I Hope So)

I know what you're trying to do,  
You have screamed at me in a attempt to get it through to me,  
I've grown tired and annoyed of you,  
You don't know how I work,  
I closed myself off for a reason,  
Emotions get brought up,  
And I want to leave,  
Don't bring me in on your personal problems,  
I won't listen and I won't be there,  
Don't try to get me moving on my two feet,  
I'll stand still and dig my own grave,  
I know that I am messing up,  
I know that no matter how hard you try,  
You can't change me,  
You can't always try to blame me though,  
I can atleast say 'I tried',  
Gave it 100% and it never really mattered much to you,  
I wanted to see you smile,  
I tried my best but it was never enough,  
Never enough for you,  
You always push me to my limits and even further,  
I'm a ignorant, pathetic, and immature,  
I never really understood what you were trying to make me see,  
I never really knew what you expected from me,  
I am a failure,  
And by the looks of it,  
That is all I will ever be,  
So for one last time,  
Can we spend one normal day together?  
Like we used to when I was a kid?  
Because honestly,  
I am afraid.

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# I Know You'Re Still Alone

You're searching for something that you'll never find  
Even when you feel so close  
And it's far above your grasp  
You're praying and hoping that you'll find it

Looking for it it in all the wrong places  
And you've never felt so uncomfortable among familiar places  
You'll kick and you'll scream  
To find what it means

You think that you are close  
To find what it means  
And this part is where it hurts the most

You got attached and they cut you down  
They have seen you smile  
Now they want to see you frown  
Discontent with the whole world

It's not our fault your such a pretty girl  
That man has got you down on your knees  
While you're still begging your thousandth 'please'  
He got it out of you

And he wants no more  
All you were to him was a little whore  
But don't let this be your downfall  
You'd be a fool to let this hit the ground

You might as well run away never to be found  
And don't you think this is you only mistake  
And don't regret because, it's already too late  
You gave it your all

Only to fall  
You gave it your best and he got the rest  
You thought you found 'love'  
You thought you had got it all

You built your wall  
And you watched it fall

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# I Saw The Sunrise And It Was Beautiful

So that is what took?  
Hand written and called it a book,  
Memories of the past,  
Leave me feeling worthless and fake,  
This haunts me, when I think about it,  
And I can't do a thing about it,  
Accept it for what it is,  
And show everyone my true skin,  
I've been hiding in this world I designed for myself,  
Call me out and I'll reject it,  
But deep inside is I try to forget it,  
In my mind is where I try to protect it,  
And this is the reason why I'll always been afraid,  
Of being exposed to the world,  
And here's where I decide to make the change.

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# I Think I'M Going To Be Sick

My cheeks they blush, just as red as the rose that's in your hair  
And you, You know when lift your hair up off your shoulders  
My eyes they open up  
And your eyes they shine like billion stars in the midnight sky  
And girl I got to hand it to you

In that dress I've never seen anything more beautiful  
Than a girl like you dancing in the summer moonlight  
And when you kiss my lips I get chills that run down my spine  
And with my arms open wide I know they're not empty

Your perfume lingering in the air  
It makes me feel like you're the only one for miles  
And I can't believe you're laying right next to me  
We can stare at the sun and get lost in each others eyes

The smile that appears on you face is something that will never leave  
Just forever stay right here next to me

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## If It's Not Repetitive It's Not Catchy

We come to one another with broken souls,  
Sharp like glass it cuts my hands if I try to shape myself back together,  
I won't let myself recover for fear of changing who I am,  
From a stranger to a friend,  
From a friend to a stranger,  
I don't really know what is what anymore,  
I'm not trying to be overdramatic either,  
Because it's times like these when I have no where to go,  
I want to crawl my pathetic self back to you,  
You would like that wouldn't you?  
Sadly I hard as I try I seem to cave in,  
No one really "understands" me like you did,  
Showed me the best of me,  
Too bad it didn't bring out the best in you,  
Instead I gave everything up for the moment alone,  
And in fact I was alone,  
You were never there for me,  
Not even from the start,  
So why do I feel like you're so important,  
Why do I need to hear your voice,  
Why should I open my eyes when I can't see yours,  
Why couldn't I have close the open doors.

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# I'LI Be The Bigger Man

I have something to tell you,  
And I was waiting all these to tell you because I was afraid,  
Afraid that you'd change into the man I expected you to be,  
18 years and I haven't said those 3 words to you once,  
I'll admit it was a long, cold wait,  
You could have had me in your arms like when I was 3,  
Rock me to sleep,  
But what is a boy without a dad?  
I've have grown old enough to realize that you can't stand yourself,  
I don't see why you shouldn't hate yourself,  
And I hate to break it to you like this but,  
You failed as a father, a lover, a husband and as a brother,  
You have the face only your mother would love,  
With no sense of right or wrong you act like you're 12,  
You're pathetic,  
I am ashamed to point and call you 'dad',  
The apple doesn't fall far from the tree but that tree was burnt to the ground,  
So enough with pointing out your flaws,  
I am here to accept you,  
You're my father but I will never love you.

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# It Might Not Be Much But This Is My Home

I don't think I have ever been so sad,  
It's a new passing day and the sun still isn't shining,  
I can't get used to this feeling it's not me,  
But I can't do much to change it,

I don't know where to even begin,  
This is all too complicated for me,  
All I do is complain about my problems,  
All I do is think that if I sprinkle a little hope,

It'll turn gold,  
Too bad it doesn't work that way,  
I can't turn to anyone for this,  
I must do this on my own,

Maybe settle down and call this place my home,  
Because even though it may look ugly on the outside,  
I am actually very comfortable here,  
It's kind of strange to finally look at these things with a positive outlook,

It's nice to wake up and looking forward to staring out the window,  
The sun may not be shining and the birds might not be singing,  
I know it may look bad,  
I am happy with what I have,

I am done waiting for things to change,  
I am going to stand up for myself,  
Finally...

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# It Was Never Me It Was Always Him

It's when his name that is floating in the the air,  
I stop from breathing,  
I choke on it,  
What if I leave and talk my way back in?  
Will you finally love me?  
Or still be confused?  
What if I never wanted this?  
I could never take it back,  
You and I know he is all you need,  
Its like no matter what he does its always right,  
Everything I do is just a ignored and pushed away,  
It is easy to see that your love doesn't belong to me,  
It stops my heart,  
To think that I'll never have you,  
It hurts to dream,  
When you don't believe in me,  
I was to scream when I see you and him,  
When you said you'd leave,  
I'd never expect for you to go crawling back,  
To the path of broken glass,  
But the first time you cut your feet,  
The second time around you'll probably never recover,  
I just miss the things you used to tell me,  
Silence and absoulty nothing left,  
And you never really said a word,  
I'm afraid of falling....  
And you seem to be the same,  
He is always waiting to catch you everytime you dropp the truth,  
He is ready to save you from the blue,  
He can make your dreams come true,  
If you could see what he does you'd be surprised,  
His blood is covered in jelously,  
My heart is almost done pumping,  
I hate the way you'd sit there and say,  
"I'm over him, I never knew how much you meant to me."  
Get over yourself and fall face first,  
To his feet,  
Its easy to see you'd rather be with him than me,  
And I'm not mad I just can't stand seeing you with him,

I'm going to try and let go,  
When you grab on it might be too late,  
Years too late.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# It's Burning Inside Me

Oh dear god,  
If you were in heaven you'd laugh at the times I've reached out for you,  
It seems kind of pointless when you're as ignorant as me,  
Faith comes as easily as love for me,  
It's only in my life once,  
And I feel it's pointless to have someone screaming you words at me to get them  
through my head,  
I've grown tired oh 'waiting for a sign or a miracle',  
It makes to sick to think I was foolish enough to waste my time and even wait,  
And still to this day I have no faith,  
No faith in love,  
No faith in me,  
No faith in family,  
No faith in you,  
It's kind of pathetic because I wish I could be able to think positively about  
things,  
I know it sounds sort of bright,  
But when I feel like the world has gave up,  
I can stand tall and be glad I don't put my hopes in things like this,  
But on the inside I can't stand myself for being so emotionless about it.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# It's Not So Much That I Need But The Feeling Of You Needing Me

I'm not here to write about how heartbroken I am,  
I'm not here to write about how much I still love you,  
I'm here to pour out my confessions because this is the only place where I feel I  
will be heard,  
Even if no one is listening,  
Sometimes I find myself in the darkest parts of my mind,  
No hope on escaping I somehow find a way,  
Looking past all the negativity I seem to create for myself,  
I realized I love what I see,  
Why on would I want to make this any harder on me?  
Maybe it's because it is what I need,  
What I want to feel,  
Something to let me know I am not heartless,  
Truthfully I am too much of a coward to not care,  
I want to feel hopeless only because I like to make myself believe,  
No one is really there,  
Or could it be true?  
It's these kinds of things that rush through my head,  
I try to lay to sleep but only memories keep me awake,  
Memories I can't erase,  
I'd like to forget but I can't,  
I'd like to lay in bed and sleep,  
But I don't want to get too comfortable,  
I'm not trying to give up,  
But I'm not saying I won't,  
I want to get through this,  
And it's something I have to do on my own.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# It's Not Your Fault

I feel unsurpassed by the spirits that hold me down  
Making me feel incomplete and scared of being alone  
I have grown used to the emptiness  
Make up for it with joy  
I like I am always left behind  
Like I am drowning and struggling for air  
Someone make me see  
How this life is meant to be lived  
Walking with eyes closed makes it so much easier to see  
By when I wake up from this never ending dream  
Of hope  
Of peace  
I can promise you that I am alone  
Dragging these feet along the ground  
It's the only thing that is keeping me around  
Leave this place touched and unopened  
You search the place you once loved for support  
But you're too late and everything came crashing down on you  
On you and crushed your perfect little world  
The one you built for yourself

Diego Adrian Manriquez

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&lt;/&gt;It feels nice to be out here once again,  
Just all six of us a family once again,  
There are no worries,  
Not a single care in the world,  
It was our weekly picnic at the park,  
It was the usual green grass shifting with the warm breeze,  
It was the usual chirping and singing of the birds in the trees,  
It was that nice feeling that we always had,  
It only felt odd because now that I realize it,  
It was the last one we had,  
To be honest I miss it,  
Now I am subdued to a time where not a single good word about you exists,  
It's weird how you a man I looked up to my entire life walked away,  
You walked away and said you'd come back,  
And as foolish as I was I believed you,  
It's also foolish to think that I would always run to your room,  
In the morning to tell you about my dreams,  
But there was just my mother laying there,  
And by the looks of it she had just went to bed,  
The years have passed and you have yet to return,  
I still can't even begin to explain myself as to why I still wait.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Keep This To Yourself

She tightly pressed her body against mine,  
She looked up to smile with her hand on my chest,  
She said don't say another word come to my bed and rest your head,  
The she began to start to make a move before I could even speak,  
She shoved her tongue down my throat,  
Ran her fingers through my hair,  
And held me as I shivered at night when I couldn't fall asleep,  
She kept on getting closer and closer,  
Forcing me to open up but it was only part of the plan,  
Friday nights laying half naked on top of her bed,  
While I let my hands do the rest,  
With our lips tightly pressed together there was not was not much we could say,  
It seemed all hope was lost the day she turned to me,  
I stood there waiting for her to say something,  
but she turned away instead,  
I don't know why,  
And I don't know how,  
I forced myself to believe she was the one,  
I was tired of.....  
Being alone  
Being afraid  
Being quiet  
Being no one  
I needed to find comfort while I was here,  
But what I had been looking for was right under my nose,  
And what I wanted the most and threw away,  
And now every night before I sleep,  
Those haunting words always come to me,  
But they are sound different every time.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Last Chance Dance

The first time you walked down the stairs,  
That blue dress and your hair up,  
You're extremely beautiful,  
Your mother he cried for the first time since you were born,  
Your father with a smile on his face you've never seen before,  
I know I must have been the luckiest boy on earth,  
And I get to have you all to myself tonight,  
If only you knew that I was going to break your heart,  
You would have never left with me from the start,  
Your tears drench your bestfriends dress,  
Look at yourself you're such a mess,  
Crying and screaming curse words that break the sky,  
You never thought that this would be you best night alive,  
You've dreamt of this day but never thought it would have turned out this way,  
Give up on the one you loved the most,  
You brought your hopes up thinking this was going to be a 'highlight' of your life,  
But there was no happy ending in this story.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Love And The Amazing Side Effects

Did you ever have that someone that literally made you feel comfortable with who you are?

Did you ever take pictures together?

Did you ever sneak into their house late at night because, they wanted to see you?

Did you ever talk on the phone them with for hours?

Did you ever hold their hand and walk around the mall?

Did you ever go out to see a movie?

Did you ever take them to the beach?

Did you ever kiss them and want more?

Did you ever cuddle while it was raining outside?

Did you ever tell them how much you loved to see them smile?

Did you ever call them crying and they promised it's will be alright?

Did you ever sing them a song? Did you ever compliment them?

Did you forget to tell them you had fallen in love?

Then again, if you did there was no point, it was all going to end sooner or later.

The worst part is when you two walk past each other and act like total strangers.

It kind of makes you feel uncomfortable.

It kind of makes you want to go through all the photos.

It kind of makes you want to drive past their house just to see if they're at the window ready.

It kind of makes you happy when your phone rings only to see it's not that someone you expected.

It kind of makes you want to go to the mall and watch all the other couples.

It kind of makes you want to watch the same movie and cry instead laugh and enjoy it.

It kind of makes you want to go to the beach and bury your head in the sand.

It kind of makes you miss the kissing and the teasing.

It kind of makes you want to stand in the middle of the road while it's raining.

It kind of makes you want them to smile at you when they walk by.

It kind of makes you want to cry and reach for the phone.

It makes you want to sing those even louder and more often.

It kind of makes you want to tell them they look amazing one more time.

This is what I think "love" is. And I hate it.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Lust Lost, Love Found

It was funny how fast things changed,  
I went from always wanted to kiss and touch you,  
To enjoying your eyes,  
The smile you gave before you began to tell a story,  
Holding your hand as we walk down the street,  
Being able to lay in the same bed with having to feel the need to be on top,  
Here I am thinking I would never find happiness again,  
You showed me it was possible,  
But as soon as the flame started it burned out even quicker,  
Soon I felt alone and depressed,  
Crawling around on the floor,  
My tears running down my face and drip on to the floor,  
I don't even know how to explain all of this,  
I have been changed,  
I like the new me but,  
I know from now on I will be alone.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Midnight Crisis

Another dream that puts me closer to you,

So close that I can hear your heart beating with every breath you take,

It's not a sign but with every mistake I make; on my part I fear that your  
drawing farther away,

So far away that our cries for help become muffled,

And we can no longer hear that so we look towards other to find answers for our  
fears,

Just looks at it on the brightside, darling, we're always meant to be together,

Just think about it;

Could are lives be the save constantly ticking away to our demise,

It comes to us as but but a surprise,

Surprise that we still love each other,

The kind of love one has for another,

It's spectacular; it's one of a kind,

So would you kindly rewind the hands of time to explain,

When and how you fell in love with him,

How he's your 'everything' and how you feel you're 'complete' with him,

Did you not cry?

Did you not cry?

Did you not cry?

Did you you not cry every night you got to spend with me hoping that this

travesty would not come to see the light of day,

Or am I beginnig to make your words sway?

Did you not begin to pour your soul at to me?

Or is this just another game?

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Morgan

Hello there Morgan,  
There is something I'd like to share with you,  
I've been thinking a lot but,  
I don't think I need another clue,  
I want to let you know that I think I have a new best friend,  
Something about you makes me feel warm and comfortable enough to sit out in  
the storm,  
Not worry about how cold it'd get because it's just me and you,  
We could go around town with nothing else to do,  
I wouldn't care as long as I'm with you,  
We can count stars on late summer afternoons,  
We can start fires and tell each other secrets when there's snow on on the  
streets,  
I won't care as long as I am with you,  
I want to tell you that you've opened up my eyes,  
Cheering up when I can't talk to the guys,  
It's true..... I swear,  
On nights where it just so happens to rain,  
And we're caught outside there's no one but the train,  
We will dance and sing songs,  
And I don't care who stares,  
As long as I am with you,  
We could take trips out to the beach,  
Make a CD with all the songs we like and sing along the way,  
We could go collect some shells,  
Something to get us away from all our hells,  
I'd make a bracelet for you and you'd make me one too,  
So now there's not much left to say,  
So with this we'll go away,  
There's no place I'd rather be than sitting on the beach,  
Watching the sunset with my new best friend,  
And we wouldn't give a damn.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# My Fairytale

As I stand above the clouds,  
I am looking down,  
Searching for a face of gold,  
And a smile that will never get old,  
Someone to light up the darkest of my days,  
Someone that will say "I am everything and even more",  
Someone whose heart is pure,  
Someone who has the cure,  
To heal this broken heart,  
Its weak and when that special someone would speak,  
I'd feel alive and start to breathe,  
I'd care for her,  
I'd be there for her,  
I'd share with her a piece of me,  
And when I find her,  
I'll never lose her from my sight,  
And when I hold I'll never let her go,  
And when our lips touch we'll see stars that brighten up a pitch dark sky,  
And when she comes to mind I want to smile,  
And that is the girl I want to spend with the rest of my time.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# My Sincerest Apology

I can't even begin to count how many times I've been here before,  
We tried to make ends meet,  
I was tricked into thinking we did,  
Cut away from one another before we get too close,  
I thought I'd never find it,  
And I was proven wrong or so I thought,  
I walk past the bench where we engraved our names into,  
I walk down the road you live on,  
I stare at the stars like we used to,  
For a while I was quite happy I am not going to lie,  
What only hurts about this was that it was all a lie,  
What a shame I put all my effort into this,  
I thought you'd be the one I could trust in,  
But I do thank you for helping me build a stronger wall,  
And this time no one will make it fall,  
I am truly sorry for not being the best,  
It just goes to show that you'll always be alone,  
I tried I really did,  
I don't know how you did it,  
But you gave me faith,  
You had me running around like some fool,  
You made me feel what I've always wanted to,  
So I'm sorry I couldn't be what you needed me to be.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Never What She Expected

She thinks that everything is perfect when she's with him,  
She knows she can tell him everything and anything that comes from her heart,  
She feels no regrets and promises him that all she says will come true,  
She feels like she's the only one who can make him feel this way,

And this is what she'd call 'love',  
No not a doubt a about she is certain this is the way it's supposed to be,  
Blinded by her age and unexplainable feelings,  
She turned to him for guidance and supports,  
She fell for for him and what hurt the most.

As her tears shatter the silence from her room,  
She finds herself screaming at her ceiling,  
Wishing it never happened,  
And her headaches only caused from her anger,  
She cries until her eyes are dried out,

Closing the door to her once open heart,  
Her bright sea blue eyes now dull and grey,  
Her long golden hair now pale and messy,  
Her beautiful smile now dead and long gone,  
She never expected this to happen,

Thinking she had found what she had dreaming of since she was a little girl,  
More important to her than anything else she had lost what she loved the most,  
Now, she's sitting in the corner of her bathroom wondering why the pieces fell  
apart,  
Now she's passing out with the a new bottle everynight,

Searching for what she wanted in all of the wrong places,  
She had lost her hope, her peace, her love, her friend,  
Driven to the point of insanity,

She was found on a Friday night a broken bottle and dirty needles sticking out of  
her arm.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# No Hope No Home No Faith No Peace

Don't hold my hand and tell me it's all going to be ok,  
It'll be a lot easier if you just let me go for good,  
Walk away from the world alone and misunderstood,  
I just want to drop to the floor and just start screaming,  
And give me a reason why the world should keep spinning,  
On my knees I crawl around the floor,  
Thinking only the night before,  
Stuck in the same thought of misery,  
Wishing this could end and all be history,  
My hands are shaking and I feel like vomiting,  
I put too much heart and strength into this,  
Each day falling away,  
I'm giving up on you,  
And I know you've done the same for me too.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# No Limits

It seems like there will be nothing holding me back this time,  
So here it goes straight from the top,  
Your obsessions have become fears,  
And you can't seem to find any more of those tears,  
They don't run down your face,  
Someone please help me see,  
That she means nothing to me,  
It's not so much when you put it on the line,  
I can cross it but, I will get left behind,  
So just crush me,  
Break me down,  
Make me want to hate this town,  
Don't even let me breathe,  
'Cause if you do,  
You'll finally see how much you mean to me,  
And I will never be silent,  
When I close my eyes I see this girl of my "dreams",  
And when I wake up she is the only one I see,  
I need to get away from what I believe,  
Because nothing is what it seems,  
I can't be here forever,  
I need to proceed,  
But, what has kept me trying to succeed,  
Has only left me to bleed,  
I was I could have one chance.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Ojos Azul

You'll never know my true intentions,

I'll never forget these emotions,

Tie down by the ankles; I ask to see you once again,

Let me ask you how your days was,

Did you ever think of me?

Is this empty hole in my chest finally starting to beat? !

Do you kiss mean love even after our defeat?

I wanna know what makes the clocks ticks,

What keeps you from skipping the beat,

Was it your harsh times as child?

Or was it all cause of me?

We must love each other and understand,

Understand that it takes time to do what Jesus did; to turn water into wine,

I wanna drink it as we are announced 'husband and wife',

I wanna drink so I can better understand life.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Peace

Secluded away from all the love  
Placed a away from all the hate  
Separated from what keeps us alive  
There is a place I call home  
It keeps me warm  
It gives me hope  
It shines down some light and shows me the way  
When I'm lost  
I know one thing  
My friends will help me along the way  
Keeping ourselves from hitting the ground  
We pick ourselves up  
And let no one bring us down  
One with ourselves and one with the world  
'Peace' is another word I've come to own

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Peguin And Giraffe Racing

No matter how much it hurts for me,  
To tell you, get on your knees,  
Living this past of regrets and mistakes,  
I'll break through, no matter what it takes.

And there's no one by your side because, everyone you thought and knew is a  
fake,  
Now you lay around letting your mind bake  
With the weight of the world crushing your chest and letting your every breath  
escape.

All the indecencies, murder, violence and rape,  
All this piling up in the back of your head, your brain misinterprets shapes,  
The walls are closing in; you fall to the broken floor,  
Your screams become silence and no one can hear you crying anymore.

Pounding fists, swearing at the heavens above  
That one day everything will go back to being the same,  
Letting go of the hate and shame,  
But, still that little thought brings you back to the same pain.

Popping pills to keep yourself sane,  
Passed out on the floor you always dream the same dream,  
Swimming through stardust, mouthfuls of cream,  
This place you dream is far from what it seems.

It's a mere satire of your so called life,  
Hope brings nothing to you but a bag of shattered pieces to your life,  
Tearing the bag open with this bloody knife,  
And when everything falls out of the bag.

You are left with nothing but a faded tag,  
With a name, a date, and picture of your face,  
But your memory won't bring you to this place,  
It's something you have to learn to embrace.

What you could of had, what you could have been,  
Love and happiness, instead you went down the wrong way,  
Losing inhibitions, making sure to drink and poison yourself every day,

But it doesn't help much at all when there are those words you never managed to say.

Now you weep into your open palms, wanting the time back,  
Opening the door that was once closed because, you weren't afraid, now you're stuck in this pool that you've filled up with your thoughts, hoping that day, you'll go back.

You try to keep your chin up, but there is no chance that you'll drown any slower, just let the hope go,  
And hopefully one day everyone would know why you went away for good.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Poemhunter Shouldn'T Be Used As My Personal Diary

I thought I could never be explained so easily,  
I was always confused or scared of being 'open',  
Hoping one day that all this mess,  
Will all clear itself out,  
And one day I will be able to hear myself aloud,  
To my own group of people,  
I want to help the world in a positive way,  
But that will never happen because like myself,  
This world will never change,  
And I don't expect to change any time soon,  
So I can give up on my hopes and dreams,  
And join the other group of the broken hearted,  
I think I might have some serious issues,  
Good thing that there is no one listening,  
I think it helps a lot more when I am thinking in the silence.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

## S.F.C

Let me tell you something about this girl  
I'm done talking about her hair  
Her eyes  
The way she makes me feel  
The reason why I smile  
And start stop being so fake  
I hate the way I taste your spit on my lips  
I hate the reason why I try  
Because the girl that I love  
She drowns herself in hate and sorrow  
Playing easy to make friends  
Crying my shoulders when her whole worlds crumbles down  
Pretending she's the one that has no feelings for me  
And it's true  
She doesn't love me for who I am  
She's just gets inside and plays with my head  
You're making me confused  
I hate you for making me believe you were misused  
I want to see those eyes fall from your face  
I want to see a cold sweat run down your cheek  
I want you to feel the hate I feel  
I want you to bleed your last drop  
I want your heart stop  
I want to fall sleep and wake up in a world without you  
And now that these small words came from my mouth  
It is easier to breathe

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Scrapbook

As I turn the page of the scrap book you have made for me,  
With pictures of us and little love notes and cliché poetry about how I felt about  
you,  
Makes me really question myself,  
If I cause this pain on to me purposely so I make an overdramatic statement on  
life?  
Or if I really fell in "love"?  
I'm sure that I have never really been able to tell the difference,  
I wish that one day soon enough I grow out of this shell and move on to better  
and bigger things,  
For each day that passes I confused myself into believing I was in love,  
Makes me regret not actually looking for it in the first place,  
Not one day passes where I don't sit and think about you for at least 4 hours  
straight,  
It irritates me,  
I hate the stupid butterflies I get,  
I hate the fact that a smile that comes on my face,  
I hate that I've fooled myself into love and I can't realize that it was never there. □

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Slow And Quiet Pianos (A Short Story)

Just sit down like before,  
Stare out the window,  
Lose myself in thoughts,  
Thoughts that can't be spoken aloud,  
Because if anyone hears them they'll think that I'm going crazy,  
That's the last thing I'd really want is someone that cares for me,  
It's super important that one does,  
Because mentally I feel better when I don't say a word,  
To those I've think I've grown close to,  
Like family and friends,  
But in the end who is really there?  
Who is really there?

I just want to wash away these footsteps I've left in the sand,  
I want to let go of everything I've held on to so long,  
Because these memories they come back to me and again I feel so empty,  
Turning one of the most brightest days to an dark night,  
I don't think I'm strong enough to tell myself that tomorrow will be better,  
I don't think I can trick myself into thinking that I'm ready for the world,  
Because I'm afraid,  
To open these closed eyes.

I don't want to see,  
I mean it's not like I have a choice,  
I want someone to talk to but when I do I lose my voice,  
It'll talk forever to get these things off of my chest,  
But for know I'll write them down so when the time comes I know I can do,  
It's not all about me though,  
Sometimes I wonder if my mom can still look at me the same way she did when  
she gave me baths,  
As that little boy that she loved and showed the path,  
She's all the really matters to me,  
But I've done so much that has kept her looking down on me,  
I want to change; I want to change,  
But I don't know how,  
I can see her perspective as clear as day because I've been through the same  
with my father.

I feel sympathetic,

I feel so weak,  
I can't easily forgive the man who destroyed me,  
But I want to,  
If this isn't passionate enough,  
Wait till you hear me scream,  
I miss the old days,  
But what's the point in crying?  
I miss the old days,  
Then what's the point in trying,  
To make these miserable time tougher than they need to be?  
I need to scream,  
I need to scream,  
This is far too personal,  
This is far too deep,  
I need to be strong,  
I need to stay on my own two feet,  
I cannot give up,  
I won't be defeated,  
I'm young and ignorant,  
I've got plenty of time to make things better,  
Here I am screaming these last few things off my chest,  
There's only one thing I need left to say,  
It's that I'm in love with a girl,  
But she doesn't even remember my name,  
I'll make it through this,  
I'll be okay,  
A new chapter in my life and it's finally starting to look like a book.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# So Fast So Young

(Love never last as long as your friendships!)  
Everyday I stare at the wall, and watch paint dry  
All my friends ask me if I want to play outside  
I say no because all I want to do is hide  
I am so fucking sick and tired of living my life  
It's been one mistake after another  
How do I explain this to my mother?  
It should be sad but it truly makes me glad  
I want to leave this place  
Because the only thing that was good  
Was when I wasn't misunderstood  
"Well she makes me happy"  
but she is always talking with him  
The words I need don't come out  
The things I hear won't leave  
I want to put an end to my suffering  
But how can I when there is always something holding me back  
Like you and thoughts of you  
But every time you mention his name  
I want to kill myself in vein  
I am slowly going insane  
I wish you could see  
It is obviously that he doesn't want you with me

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# Something About The Winter Tells Me That Summer Isn'T Going To Be Any Warmer

I said we'd get through,  
I said we'd stay strong,  
We never really believed it and I don't see why we would,  
You'd always tell us things would get better but you never really changed,  
You promised to stop fighting,  
But my mom is always crying,  
You promised you'd make me a man,  
You said a lot of things,  
I don't even know if I can still call you dad,  
You may call from time to time,  
You tell the same lies,  
It'll never get better,  
I'll never be alright,  
Most of the time I wish I had you to teach me,  
Teach me what I needed to know,  
I need to know how to be strong,  
I need to know how to take care of not only me but the people I love,  
I need to know how not to give up just because they tell me 'I can't do it',  
You were the only person who believed in me when I needed inspiration,  
You are the only person who I can't stand to look at in the eyes,  
You've taught me well dad,  
But I have already said goodbye.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

## Something Short

Just like before,  
Here I am,  
Only last time I was heartbroken,  
The only difference now is that I'm alone,  
Staring deeply at the wall with all the pictures hanging off,  
Why can't I think straight?  
Could it be from all the nights where I sit alone screaming curse words at the moon,  
Or the night when I went around shattering windows because no one knew what it was like,  
What it was like to feel angry,  
There was one person who I thought could understand how this unpure body worked,  
I guess I was wrong,  
And now it seems that everytime I turn around,  
I picture a face,  
Your face,  
Eyes that make you expose yourself,  
Lips that get tight when I lock mine around them,  
So now I pray even when I don't believe I have a savior,  
This shows how weak I am,  
I want to get this out,  
I want this to come to an end.

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# Susie Grace Coss

There's no running or hiding this behind anything,  
I just want to come out of the open and say it,  
I spent a year trying my best to win you over,  
I would comfort you when you were sad,  
I'd listen to you when you had no one to talk to,  
I wanted us to last if not forever at least half of that,  
But something happened between us,  
We never got around to speak of it,  
We kind of hid it,  
It was scratching the back of my head,  
It drove me crazy,  
So uncomfortable with where I was at,  
I can't sit still to think because I'm not with myself,  
So sick of you,  
You lied to me and I don't even know where to begin,  
It was fake from the day we met,  
Love was a word you just swayed around,  
You made me feel special,  
I find myself disgusting for never noticing it,  
I spent a year trying my best to make this be really something,  
When you gave it up from the first day,  
I know I'm not lovesick,  
I'm just so sick of falling in love,  
I know this time,  
Love won't be so twisted and evil.

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## Take Me Back (I Am Poe-Thetic)

Here I am once again,  
I haven't recovered from the shame you left me in,  
So here I am screaming your name,  
As the rain falls from the sky,  
I'm on my knees and I have no hope,  
I'm lost without you so please,  
Take me back,  
I thought I could move on,  
I was surely wrong and it's pathetic,  
Here we are once again,  
And what hurts the most this time,  
Is the fact that you're not helping me up,  
I can't get my self together,  
I've packed all my things and I'm ready to leave,  
But you're the rope tied to the anchor and you're holding me down,  
I haven't been the same in months,  
Everyone can tell there's something different but no one bothers to help,  
I can't blame them because after you I shut myself away,  
And now I am afraid,  
Afraid of the world and being left alone,  
In the shadows I once called home,  
So someone please show me the light,  
Set me free from this rough patch of life,  
I can't do this alone,  
But here I am crying over the stupid past,  
When I should have just left a long time ago,  
And the truth is,  
I'll never forgot this.

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# Teenage Lust Is The Best Kind Of Love

Open you eyes,  
Take a good look at me,  
Do you really think I am what you believe?  
You should have seen this coming, right from the start,  
You could have saved these tears,  
But baby you've come too far,  
It was FAKE,  
And all it took was one word of wisdom 'love',  
Misunderstood by many,  
Used to getting what I want,  
And now you lay there in your bed,  
Swearing you'll never live through this,  
I've seen time and time again,  
You think no one will be able to light up the spark,  
No one can make you feel the same way,  
No one can make you believe,  
And no one chooses to prove you wrong,  
But here he comes your 'knight in shining armor',  
Just be careful, he hits a home run on the first date,  
And with the way he uses his words,  
I'm sure he already has you undressed.

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# The 2 Foot Tall Man

I know what you're going through  
Just sit down so I can talk to you  
If I play my cards right  
You'll soon never want to leave my sight

I'll tell you things that you've never heard before  
I'll call you things that you've never been called before  
I'll let you believe that I am the one for you  
And then in the moment of truth

I'll kiss you in the moonlight  
And dance with you in plain sight  
I'll tell you that you're my dream girl  
I can pretend that there is a light there

Long enough to see that you'd want to go there  
All the way with me baby  
You've got nothing to lose  
And afterward I'll make the call

And when that phone rings you wouldn't hear a thing  
You'll cry and you'll scream  
And you found what it mean  
You know you were a game that he just played

Time and time goes one this sorry girls  
They fall like dominoes never to be put back up again  
I guess they still choose to believe 'the world is not as great  
if I am not with him'  
I'll kill and I'll break

You'll make these mistakes  
And when it's too late you'll see that it was all just a game  
Until one day she came walking in  
A girl in light blonde skin

Never did I think I would be in this deep  
Something I hope that I would never see  
Me in 'love' so true and yet so real

She made me feel like no other

And in the moment I pulled out the ring

She said 'Baby, this all just a dream'

I woke up the next day and all I could see were the others girls

That fell to the floor just like me

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# The Bell Man

I vaguely remember the last time I saw you,  
It was about a week before school had ended,  
Your hair was up that day with a fresh rose sticking from out your ear,  
You had those blue cut off jeans with pink shoes,  
You were wearing the shirt I had gotten you,  
I looked up to see your face and you had tears running down your cheeks,  
He had broken your heart,  
The boy who would tell you everyday that he loved you,  
The coward who told you you'd two would last forever,  
You gave him your all and he let you down,  
And what hurt the most is that you blamed me,  
For it falling apart,  
Of course it was my fault,  
I was tired of holding in it for so long,  
I seriously have had this sitting on my head since the day you left,  
I still feel like it would do nothing to tell you know,  
But for the first time in years I was happy,  
I needed your smile to get me through the day,  
Even if I was walking to get to my other class,  
If it was even a glimpse of your eyes,  
If it was the smell of you picked up by the wind,  
I knew for the first time,  
I was in love,  
And it felt so right,  
Too bad in the end,  
Some of the best of friends become total strangers.

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# The Best Part About Falling In Love

The best part about falling in love is,  
Never wanting to wake up because ever since the day they left your life... you've  
never felt incomplete,  
It's funny on how I searched for it because,  
You wanted to feel it,  
You thought I needed it,  
When it's gone you'll seal it,  
And hide it in the deepest part of your brain,  
Only bringing out this feeling when you want to feel it,  
Because you feel that you aren't human until you find it,  
Just another reason you can cut away from the world,  
Just another reason you will never trust in this world,  
Just another excuse to find the answers in a bottle,  
Just another believe you choose to follow,  
Now don't get yourself wrong,  
You've been in love before,  
It was probably the worst 13 months of your life,  
The best part about falling in love,  
Is knowing you won't make the same mistake twice.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# The Burden

Let's get things straight  
I've been thinking and there's something I want to say  
When was the last time you thought of me before you went to sleep?  
When was the last time a thought a memory of you and I went through your  
mind?

Needless to ask what was that one thing that you promised me?  
'Forever by your side, I'll never leave'  
And like the razor you press up against your skin  
Your skin it opens and you bleed  
Pain is a constant reminder of what was once there

Your 'number one girl'  
I could have sworn  
This could have been avoided  
If we didn't open our mouths and speak from the center of our heart

I liked it better when we kept our secrets  
Because, now we know  
What we've been hiding we can; t stand you look at each other in the face  
Completely fake to one another  
If there were a god, even he would pray for us

And he'd be unanswered  
And just like I cry myself to sleep at the thought of losing you  
It should have washed away my eyes of the all mistakes that I saw in you  
And if you were I book I rip out the pages and replace them with dreams  
Because, even there's no hiding the shame of what you've caused to me

I'm so weak that I can not even begin to even speak about the things that  
happened between us

So instead I try to pretend that it'll never happen again  
And it's only shoved to the back of my brain  
Where all it just is just sit there  
Building higher and higher with every regret

With every picture I hold in my hand  
Until I snap

And fall to my knees  
And if you could see me at this moment you'd smile and laugh  
Crushing and breaking every bit of anything we've ever had

I hope that when you see me  
You took everything and left me with that promise you couldn't keep  
You coward  
I hope you feel at peace  
When I'm gone, so far gone

And this shall forever haunt me  
Because, the sun is just starting to peak  
On this new day  
With a new face  
With a broken heart

And I will move forward with this  
I carry on my back  
And the burden that I carry is our 'love'  
If that's what we're supposed to call it

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# The Holes You Filled In My Heart Were Only Temporary

It's been a while since aI have felt this way,  
I don't think there is anyway to repay you,  
I tried my best to be all that you gave to me,  
But now as I walk these streets,  
The same ones we'd hold eachothers hands on,  
The same one's we'd share a kiss before saying goodbye,  
It was eay then because, I knew I'd see you again,  
This might have been the hardest if it weren't for what I had to say,  
That the paint you used to color my heart has washed away,  
Alone,  
I deserve to be alone,  
Giving up on anyone to tries to get close to me,  
It only makes me suffer because I know that I am not happy,  
But I would not what it other way,  
I am afraid to change because, I don't know how,  
It's kind of disappointing to look and those numbers,  
The same numbers that we carved into the tree,  
There's an 'SGC + DAM',  
Followed by a date that shall forever haunt me,  
8-25-10

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# The Nobody Going Nowhere

Take me away,  
I can't handle this things and truth is I'm a afraid,  
I won't be standing much longer with all this weighed down on my shoulders,  
I feel like I am just boy,  
But that is my excuse for being a failure,  
I need to start doing these thing on my own,  
I can no longer depend on anyone else,  
I am alone,  
I have no one,  
And I am going nowhere,  
What can I do?  
No one can answer me,  
Because no one can hear me,  
Looks like I have to man up and start to figure things out on my own,  
But I am just too much of a coward to let go of the past.

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# The Start Of A Beautiful Day

&lt;/&gt;I woke up at about 6 a.m.  
I heard noises coming from the outside of the room,  
As I walk out in my little dinosaur onesies,  
I noticed that there were several bags placed near the front door,  
My mother leaning up against the wall,  
With bloodshot wet eyes,  
I was too young too fully understand what was going on,  
So I asked if we were going on vacation,  
The innocence of my voice made my mother lose it,  
She fell to the floor,  
My father hastily walking back and forth carrying more bags,  
He did not pay attention to me,  
He looked as if he was furious,  
I remember exactly what he was wearing,  
The same white polo shirt he was wearing when we took the picture on my 4th  
birthday,  
He then had finished and offered his hand to my mother who was still crying,  
She got up and walked away,  
He looked at me and told me not to wake up my older sister,  
He told me to he was going to go put his things in his car,  
He then told me as he walked to the door to go get packed,  
He then took all of his belongings and closed the door,  
I ran to my room and started packing everything I wore into my blue suitcase,  
10 minutes later,  
I had ran outside screaming 'dad wait for me'  
When I had gotten to the driveway his car was gone,  
I turned around and my mother was at the front door.  
I've never seen here like this before,  
She told me that my father had left and would come back,  
So I took my things and went back inside,  
I sat right in front of the door waiting for him to return,  
Sadly he still hasn't come back.

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# The Truth

I think we would have been better off as friends,  
Instead of me always looking for an end,  
That doesn't burn, bleed, or turn one of my dreams,  
Into a nightmare where all I do is scream,  
I feel that we should've worked it out,  
But now its easy to tell me now,  
I feel so weak,  
I fell for you on my knees,  
I cry for a second chance,  
If this was the ending I wish I'd know in advance,  
Its not so easy to look you in the eyes,  
When I used to see the sunrise,  
Now I see black,  
All I can do is hide and try not to move,  
Move through this,  
I try to forget,  
Even though everything I do,  
I constantly I'm thinking of you,  
Help me forget,  
I wish I could tell myself you're nothing,  
But you're my everything,  
You are the reason I breathe,  
The reason I try to make something out of myself,  
You're the reason why I write,  
You were the reason that would brighten my day,  
With a flash of your smile,  
And a look in your eyes,  
I would feel as if I was sky high,  
But I'm drowning,  
On the words I never said to you,  
I screaming at myself to see what was true,  
You look at me now and say "he is nothing without me",  
I am the reason why he belives that one day everything will be okay,  
I make him think he revovles around me,  
I lead him to his death,  
You see what you've done driven a man to do,  
All he left behind was a pen and some paper,  
And its for her to write.



# There Is Still Much More To Say

I've got my mouth open wide but, no words come out,  
And to think of all the times I've spent with you,  
It's hard to believe that they're all gone,  
No more silence,  
No more warmth,  
It's hard to believe that you're gone,  
And I never let those words leave my mouth,  
What I would give to hear you say my name,  
To hold you again,  
To tell you I loved you but, more than a friend,  
Here we are and the rain is coming down,  
Just like the time when our lips first met,  
Tears from happiness when ever I caught a glimpse of your face,  
And those same tears have now, stained the ground,  
All alone in the crowd,  
And now that you're gone it's safe to say,  
If I could have you for one more day,  
I'd tell you how much you mean to me,  
That way I could finally be set free,  
From all these feelings I have for you,  
If I told you maybe, you would have pulled through,  
And all now here I am crying for you,  
Come back, come back I swear I'd die for you,  
If I knew that this would be the last time I'd hold you,  
I swear that I would have told you,  
That you mean everything to me,  
From those beautiful eyes that can see through me,  
And I just need you to know I wanted to give you my heart, and my soul.

Diego Adrian Manriquez

# This One Is For You

I'm trying to keep myself together  
Everyday I feel like I am slipping away  
Beyond the noise, beyond the truth, beyond the light  
And there is no turning back from here  
Do you think I can live with this being held against me?  
As it crushes me chest and steals my every sip of breathe

And now we both know what we've become  
And you can't stand it  
It feels so wrong but, I know it's right  
And for my last words I need you in my life  
I am standing up for once in my life

And I am telling you that this is my goodbye  
And I would much rather have you save your breathe  
Because, you've said your goodbye a long time ago  
This fire that I've been trying to keep alive  
Is slowly dying and I know you don't care

But, I hope that you'll miss me  
I hope that you'll need me  
And I hope that you have forgotten my name  
Because, I know I'll never forget yours

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## Thoughts (Sorry For The Wait)

Lately I've been having a very difficult time explaining the way I'm feeling,  
Whether it's with a piece of paper or in front of the people who matter the most,  
And when they need to hear me out the most,  
I tend to have this problem when I act like I don't care,  
Truth is I'm too afraid to think about it,  
Which brings me to my next point,  
Where do these thoughts come from?  
I love you,  
I hate you,  
I want you,  
I need you,  
It's all starting to comeback to me little by little,  
I'm starting to rebuild this wall I've let down,  
Because I'm not afraid to fall in love,  
I'm not afraid to get hurt,  
I'm not afraid to open up,  
To be lied to,  
I'm afraid to lose the little bit of humanity I have left,  
That is how to love.

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# Through The Eyes Of My Mother

The first day he started crying,  
Running away from all his problems,  
With no where to go,  
He came to me empty,  
I had told him that I prayed for him every night,  
He told me I was wasting my time,  
Screaming at the top of his lungs,  
I thought this could have possibly saved him,  
He slapped the rosary out of my brittle fingers,  
I fell to the floor,  
It was too difficult for me to realize that my son,  
The one who I raised with nothing but heart and joy,  
Was becoming a cold and dark monster,  
He spent about 14 months in the most darkest part of his mind,  
With each passing day,  
I'd start to worry if he'd had lost his mind,  
I tried to help,  
But his anger rose with every word that came out of my mouth,  
I soon had enough,  
He was in a dark place,  
I did my best to take him in and make him feel better,  
But nothing worked,  
He was too young, and ignorant for even himself to understand,  
So I left him behind,  
I moved on to other things,  
And now that we're apart I can still hear him crying,  
And I still pray for him,  
But I feel like I'm about to give up as well.

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# We Tend To Resist Each Other

Hearts pounding and eyes gleaming, Tears of fear and desperation fall from the pit of your eyes, Times we wonder what were to happen if we could escape, You know, Get away from it all! We often wonder why, Why us? ! Separated by only a few street signs and street lights, Come home, And I will return as well, Make it here and I swear, I will make this pain and suffering worth it.

Tapping on my window and I can only imagine, Imagine the sound of your voice as I walk up to it, Picture you there in silence as the only thing you share with me is a question, (May I come in?) My heart continues to race, I wish nothing more out of this, Thoughts endlessly flow through my head, And you appear.

As you tell me your problems, I can't stop thinking of kissing you, I want to love you, Not sexually but emotionally, You're a wreck, You're a mess, I want nothing more of you but you lay on your back and lay on top of you, The beating of our hearts continue and get louder, I don't want to express what I feel for fear of ruining the moment, You just play along, (I love it)

Gently stroking your hair as we spoon and share stories of our childhood, From our father's to graduating from middle school, I can't stop staring at your eyes, I want to tell you what I'm feeling but instead we share a lustful kiss, Then you get on top of me and continue to kiss me and move down slowly, Just a tease, Biting my lip and making me love you more.

We get to the point of heavy making out with occasional touching of breasts and pant rubbing, I want to tell you how I'm feeling but my lust got the best of me, Teasing me and teasing me, I am not the first, You do this everytime, We know what we feel but we are too afraid, We've known each other for so long we are too afraid to call ourselves more than just friends.

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# What I Love The Most (I Will Never Have)

I will never have what I worked so hard to get,  
An open promise that I will never forget,  
Listen to me closely,  
I will always drive to the rocky cliff where we shared our first kiss,  
I will always remember then first time you grabbed my hand,  
I will always sneak out to my roof and watch the stars and think of you,  
I will always feel worthless when that night replays in my head,  
If I wanted us to die out this way I would have gave it my all,  
Instead we gave up on each other and moved on,  
But we never let go on what we had gotten attached to,  
Your hope was what made me go through my day.  
My strength is what gave you the courage to be what you've always wanted to be,  
And now that we're distant from one another,  
I am.....  
I cannot think of a time in my life when I was happy,  
I cannot think of anyone else who will raside a smile on my face,  
I cannot love anyone more than you.  
And it is because of you that I am here today,  
And I thank you,  
I know I make you disappointed,  
Because all I do is sit here and write things about you,  
When you're sitting on your bed,  
What's the first thing that pops into you head?  
Do you wish I was doing better?  
Or do you wish I where there with you?  
You're my bestfriend,  
My lover,  
And the one I will stick by to all the way through the end,  
And now that the sun is coming up,  
I can lay my head to rest,  
Because now that the sun has risen,  
I'd rather much be dead.

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# What We've Feared The Most

I can't stop singing the same song over and over again,

I can't stop reading the stupid notes you wrote to me,

I can't stop thinking about who we thought we were meant to be,

With silent screams I'll show you how much you mean to me,

And this is what we've feared the most,

This distance we have created between us,

Not physically but emotionally,

I feel like we're not the same anymore,

If that's "love" for you then I don't want to "love" you anymore,

If this is how I'm supposed to show you how much I care for you,

Then I don't want to care for you anymore,

If all of this is worth it then why aren't you worth it anymore?

In the end after everything,

Why must I still suffer?

This is what I feared the most,

To get attached only to have to let it all go.

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# Where It Hurts The Most

And I am afraid,  
That one day you won't need me,  
And I am ashamed,  
This has kept itself together for so long,  
It seems that the pages fell out from the start,  
But we kept reading without thinking about what it said,  
I try to stay awake to watch the sunrise but quickly fall asleep,  
You lay there in the darkness and watch it swallow you,  
There is something in my hand that always reminds me of you,  
It's a scar from the rose I pulled for you,  
I drank to the bottom of the glass,  
But still I cry for you,  
I breaks me in two,  
Takes me away from reality,  
And leaves me alone,  
Falling to me kness when I am left with what I used to own,  
A home, a bed, a love, and a unbroken heart  
I share with you these now,  
Take me and release me from where I am from.

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# Why I Look Ahead

Please open my eyes  
And let me see  
Why am I doing this  
And why I can't be set free

Depressions got me stuck in this hole  
And it's hard for me to breathe  
And your hand's grasped around my neck  
With the pressure of you wanting me to succeed

Hurts more than the fact that there's nothing you can do to save me  
Walk away from the world  
And shut this hole called heart  
When I thought the future was supposed to get better

I got attached to the past  
Never wanted to let go of that moment, I snapped  
Fell to my knees and gave up  
As I closed my eyes staring at the sun

I saw hands out of the corner of my eyes  
And familiar faces began to shape  
And that's when I realized I was never alone

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# You Don'T Look So 'Alone'

I know this is easy for you  
It seems like I'll never pull through  
You said 'You could come to me for anything'  
And now, this house that I built is about to fall  
And everyone I thought I knew will see it crumble

The stones were made of pure hate  
What I used to put it together wasn't just there  
And I thought I saw it  
I've come to realize I can't see myself  
I thought this what I wanted

Oh because, everyday I could picture me falling  
And this photograph is proof  
Here why don't you take a look  
Here I am all alone

I met this girl that changed my world  
She made me feel like no other before  
She got inside my head and made it hers  
I know it's just 'teen love'  
They say it NEVER lasts

But if I were to ask you one more question  
Would you hold my hand?  
If I lost my breathe could I count on you to bring it back?  
If you asked me to stay, you would most likely leave

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# You Know Who You Are

You disgust me,  
For the flith you are,  
Lie to yourself,  
For the one you pretend to be,  
Hate yourself,  
'Cause you gave up on your dreams,  
You can think that you've got everyone and everything in the palm of your hand,  
When you have a rainy day you're on everyone's shoulder,  
You're so cool,  
You've got a pack of girls that say they'll 'stick through',  
And just like before you're all alone and you hate it,  
You can't really think that everyone 'likes' you?  
Because, you really hate everyone else,  
Because, you're afraid that they'll deny you first,  
You have ran out of luck,  
No where to turn to,  
No where to run,  
Blame yourself for the ones who said sorry,  
When you looked at the gun,  
And this is what you hoped for,  
This is what you wanted,  
And it's exactly what you got.

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# You'D Be The First To Know

If I were to give up,  
If I were to stop breathing,  
If I were to find love,  
If I were to lose love,

If I were unhappy,  
If I were to make a mistake,  
If I couldn't sleep,  
If I needed a hug,

If I needed a kiss,  
If I wanted to dance,  
If I wanted to cry,  
If I wanted to cuddle,

If I needed any of this,  
I know you'd be the first to know,  
Sadly you're never there.

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