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# Maya Hanson (mye3 poet) (July 25,1998)

Hi everyone! (Yes, I noticed that people actually look at this. Shocking!) Welcome to my profile! :)

My name is Maya Hanson, otherwise known as Mye. I was actually named after Maya Angelou...what a coincidence, I followed in her footsteps and write poetry and stories as well. :) I am in 10th grade and 15 years old. I have been writing poetry since about 2nd grade. More than half of my poems are also songs but you can't tell which because I can't put music to them on this site.

I love to write; I am working on seven novels right now called Stealing Summer, How to Drink Champagne, How to Say I Love You,10 (Sort Of) Sins I Committed, Love Wasn't Made for an Olympian, Forever Is Too Long, and Into the Unknown.

I am on the open optionals gymnastics team level 7 at Spirits. We compete about five times a year. Some of my main role models are Aly Raisman, McKayla Maroney, Carly Patterson, Maggie Nichols, Taylor Ferrin, Gianna Marino, Angelina Kysla, and Viktoria Komova.

I play the piano. In 2012 I taught myself to play Between the Lines by Sara Bareilles while one of my friends sang.

I sing in the high school choir, although I couldn't take choir this year because it conflicted with my schedule. I also do duets with my sister.

I am the oldest child in my family. I have one younger sister who is 13 and 3 kitties.

I am the president of a made-up island called Smim.

I am in a fake band called WAML Rockers with four of my friends. We make random songs and record them on Audacity.

On YouTube, I manage the channel for ChaoticPuddingProductions, a group made up of me and some of my friends and family. We make random videos and trailers for our writing. Watch and subscribe!

'Marinara Sauce Chen' who is also a member says I have mental issues. HI MARINA!!!

Please comment on my poems!!! I would love the feedback!!!

~Maya (mye3 poet)

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I have an e-Book...does that count? :) on Google and it'll probably come up.

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# **A Drop of Water**

Even split
Into two
It continues on
It lives forever
Imitating,
Copying
Its neighbor close by
And imitating,
Copying
Our dreams
To live on

#### A Love That Was Returned

I tell myself tell you behind my mind That behind this wall I store my memories

And I can't find And you can't find A love that's returnable, A love that's forever

Killed me for a while until I pulled back Still remember when you caught me, I was Watching you for a while

And I can't find And you can't find A love that's returnable, A love that's forever

I reassure myself it's no big deal But it's moving faster Now I can't hold back

I couldn't find You couldn't find A love that was returnable, A love that was forever

As we looked all those years For a love that was returned

And now we feel it too More than you ever did all these years I feel it now

#### A Mission On This Earth

I had a feeling you were something different Way back then And I crossed the line I'd long to say I didn't Ever Cross

Because your love Pulled me apart It found the inner part of me longing to get out... The angel In Me

I know now
There was
No other side to you
No hidden shadow in my hands
You showed me all
There
Was

I know it was my fault
It's not you
Or them
And I don't even know you anymore
But there's
No one else to blame,
I'm stuck with this burden
For
Life

You were my last words
Last hope, last wish, last plea
And I can't help thinking
You were my Achilles heel
The straw that broke the camel's back
As he carried
It
Home

I knew you were not Everything I wished for As you searched me to find me A shadow was hiding after all I have a mission On this earth... To stay away From You I used to know you were trouble Now I know you were More than I wished for A dream as I followed your footprints And I have a mission On this earth... To find You Again

## **A Perfect World**

In a perfect world No one would brag or pout We would laugh and watch out And be careful-A perfect world

In a perfect world Each one of us would value each other We would all be brothers We would all dance and sing-A perfect world

In a perfect world Plants and animals would live beside each other No one would own another Love And the world Would never end

#### **A Picture Of Colors**

A picture of colors A purple forest of colors A balloon of colors A blue fantasy of colors This is what our planet should be A whirlwind of colors A white world of colors A resting place of colors A red hideaway of colors This is what it should look like A 'yes' world of colors A yellow rainbow of colors A graced hill of colors A green meadow of colors An overflowing basket of colors An orange bowl of colors This would be a perfect place

#### A Poem...

A poem.
Unwritten on a page,
Waiting for someone to make it
Something incredible,
Something that exists.

Then the pencil drifted to the page...

A poem.
Waiting in the dress up box in the attic
For a child to find it
And read it
And dream,
Make it come alive.

Then the wind blew...

A poem.
Landing on a row of lockers
As if it had a parachute,
Waiting for one girl,
with her back to everyone else,
To find it
And read it
And not feel alone.

Then the wind blew...

A poem.
Lying on the streets of Paris
Waiting for a young couple to find it
And read it
And let it change their lives...
Their love.

Then the wind blew...

A poem.
Waiting in the wings
Of a stage performance
To greet whoever happens upon it
And grant them good luck.

Then the wind blew...

A poem.
Left in a café in London
Waiting for an impeccably dressed businesswoman
To find it
And read it
And make it the bright point in her day.

Then the wind blew...

A poem.
Landing on the lap
Of an old man, sitting by the sea
Waiting to be opened
And touched again.

Then the wind blew...

A poem.
Blown in the wind
On a journey all its own
And carried right back to where it began,
Back to the same empty piece of paper.

Then the wind blew...

## A Purpose in Life

You have to believe You have a purpose You have to believe You're not just an empty soul

I'm not gonna stop for you now I have a purpose in life

Chorus

This girl was made for reasons other Than to lie in the road and get run over I'm not the doormat here... I have a purpose in life End chorus

I'm starting to believe
There's a reason for us
I'm starting to believe
That something's gonna happen
But I'm not gonna lie
And let it happen to me...
I'm gonna happen to it

So I'm gonna be here for you We have a purpose in life

Chorus

This girl was made for reasons other Than to lie in the road and get run over I'm not the doormat here... I have a purpose in life End chorus

When I lie in the road
Nothing happens
I don't want to be that girl
When I lie in the road
Nothing happens
So I'm gonna start something here

Chorus

This girl was made for reasons other Than to lie in the road and get run over I'm not the doormat here... I have a purpose in life End chorus

#### A Remarkable World

A remarkable world of new friends A remarkable world of sorrow A remarkable world of yesterday A remarkable world of tomorrow What a nuisance And yet what a place These days are dreadful Because they provide a race A race of time, a race of one desire Everyone has a need Even if they are leaving They've made a choice to succeed Still the race continues on We never want it to end It seems like no one is going to win this Until the very last bend Through the years we've been higher and higher Towering above what the world knows Still we keep on moving Until someone slows But everyone is thinking, That isn't going to be me Someone else will do it But no one ever takes the lead So this race continues Because we all refuse To quit the race Where no one wins Until the very last bend Which is out of sight

#### **Actress**

She uses her innocence as a shield Hoping no one will ever see past it See inside her story, once upon a time For girl-next-door-beautifuls everywhere She asked him To her surprise, he refused It broke her heart like a mirror with her real face on the other side feeling pain All I can say is She's an actress A great actress She asks them how their day was And gives them a grin She teaches her "philosophy"- Think Win-Win Yeah, right But beyond that cheer is something called fear of being on the outside of life Beyond that joy is something that boy left when he walked away Leaving her in the dark If she's an actress, she's the best Or is she being real? Maybe she's happy that it Happened, but if she's happy, He's the one that's heartbroken Walking away cause he saw it was a dare A dare for herself, but he's wrong She's an actress A great actress She revolves her life around him When he refused, he broke her heart Her real girl-next-door life She failed girl-next-door-beautifuls Thanks to him She's an actress He started a new life for her by refusing If her philosophy was Think Win-Win, he would have said yes He would have said yes She's an actress A great actress

#### **After That**

One of us was innocent. It was the only thing I knew

Closing in you choke me

My stomach falls, leaving dust behind

A crash in the sky, it lights as fast as fire

And you don't smile.

This confuses me.
My mind muddled
in a million memories,
I'm buried deep
And I remember
you smiling.

Aren't you supposed to smile?

But you leave my questions unanswered I'm falling flailing flying through a mist

Where you linger ever longer, we're even stronger than before

But a tiger with its back to me was suddenly transformed It turned around claws outstretched Ready to snatch my soul Snarling a reality straight into my face

Without any warning the monster appeared I tell myself I should have known...

A Venus flytrap

Enticing me Turned on me at the last moment

A flower, faking its rainbow finally faded to crackling coals Needless to say They don't keep me warm anymore.

I grew up fast. After that.

# **Again**

Moment captured light fades I won't come here again

Apologies times a million it won't happen again

Flying up crashing down lifting my head up again

Slow motion move closer call me beautiful again...

#### **Alive**

Close your eyes
And remember for a moment that you're
Alive
Well, I live in a world of
Bad dreams
Nightmares, I scream
Tell me, what does it mean

Nightmares I can't live with Bad dreams I avoid But still they come like a Rushing river and I Keep cover knowing I'm alive, oh

Close your eyes
And remember for a moment that you're
Alive
Well, I live in a world of
Bad dreams
Nightmares, I scream
Tell me, what does it mean

Why is it separated
Like this
Why did you all ever get
Missed
I live in a world of
Bad dreams
And they just keep comin'

Why did the world turn out Like this, Why are people always so Different, I can't imagine it Another way It's just what I'm used to

I close my eyes
And remember for a moment that I'm
Alive
But I still live in a world of
Bad dreams
Nightmares, I scream
Tell me, what does it mean

I close my eyes And remember for a moment that I'm Alive

## **All My Days With You**

We spent all our days Questioning reality Defying stereotypes Leaving true love in the dust... cause we had more

But we lost it so suddenly
Out with a bang, like a firework
and of course, no one ever takes the blame
for lost or stolen items
lost or stolen love

Can't you see I was happy then and then that joy was torn apart But there by the ocean lying beside you... it seemed like we got it back It made me think of those sweet summers And all my days with you

Playing out our lies like they were a movie Fighting behind the curtain, then pretending nothing was wrong Running to the stage crying hidden tears

Opening night seemed like everything was perfect A glass case spread between us and the world Showing off the alleged perfection

Can't you see I was happy then and then that joy was torn apart But there by the ocean lying beside you... it seemed like we got it back It made me think of those sweet summers And all my days with you

Running without a purpose trying to find what we used to have But even sprinting I'm going nowhere The sand kicks out behind me, but I'm standing still

If I could only find that love again Way down deep inside me, I would take you home and I don't want to leave This place where the memories are stored there by the ocean

Can't you see I was happy then and then that joy was torn apart But there by the ocean lying beside you... it seemed like we got it back It made me think of those sweet summers And all my days with you

## **All My Destinies**

They'll never come out Come out, come out They'll never come out I'll never see them They'll never come out Come out, come out They'll never come out All my destinies

Run around living a fantasy Not knowing what's to come Praise isn't going to bring us closer It's love that will bring me down

They'll never come out Come out, come out They'll never come out I'll never see them They'll never come out Come out, come out They'll never come out All my destinies

Make two strokes
Put out the fire
Why is it so easy?
Take two steps
Call my name
What other way is there
to get there?

They'll never come out Come out, come out They'll never come out I'll never see them They'll never come out Come out, come out They'll never come out All my destinies

I won't despair
I know I'll get there
Oh, all the memories
Why do I have to hide them
Oh, all the promises
Why do I have to lie?

They'll never come out Come out, come out They'll never come out I'll never see them They'll never come out Come out, come out They'll never come out All my destinies

# **All Those Things Happened Yesterday**

Yesterday the sun came out
Warming the world, its people
We should be joyous for tomorrow
But all those things happened yesterday
Yesterday the shadows mixed with the wind
Giving us the beauty we deserve
We should be hopeful for tomorrow
But all those things happened yesterday
Yesterday we all came together
Giving everyone a helping hand
We should be happy for tomorrow
But all those things happened yesterday...
Yesterday our country gained so much
Providing us with a longer life to live
We should be grateful that there is a tomorrow

# **Always Come Home**

When you are alone, Always come home. When you are not safe, Never be late-For you are priceless.

When we are together, Never say "never". When you are alone, Always come home.

Life comes in a whisper, Life comes in a streak. Sometimes you are strong, Sometimes you are weak.

But never give up, For you are priceless.

#### **Amber's House**

Carry me back to Amber's house That story long ago Maybe I was different then Maybe I'm different now

Who would have thought that child out there Would have grown up so fast Would have forgotten this whole past

But I'm reminded when I'm close to Amber's house

Down the street running through neighbor's yards We're exploding with feeling just starting our lives

Golden Amber sprints beside us we scratch behind her ears As children we always wondered why don't things ever last

I remember
I sighed
I stood in front of
Amber's house

Come September I cried I stood in front of Amber's house

I can't shake the feeling that if I go back there now The magic will have left Oh, Amber why did it have to go

I remember Snow shined on Amber's roof as winter came and went

With spring came the pear trees spreading their scent dropping their blossoms onto Amber's house

Summer brought the sun, born again into that sky It cast light once more

on that grass I knew so well

Fall leaves
I couldn't see my path
but the slant of the roof stayed clear
a pile collected at the side of
Amber's house

And again winter fell Snow returned I became Not a child anymore My memories Collected in the sight of Amber's house

And that winter cast a shadow It would have to happen soon Of course it would happen in the winter under the waning moon

The only symbol of Amber's house her canine owner disappeared Oh, that golden retriever She wouldn't come again

Amber's family remained, yet still Amber's house had lost its puppy glow

We grew up, wondering why these things have to change We may never know but we can always dream

Carry me back to Amber's house That story long ago Maybe I was different then Maybe I'm different now

# **And I Stop Laughing**

The doorbell rings
While I'm laughing
My blood goes cold
And I stop laughing
I don't answer, can't answer
Now you're standin' at my door
But I can't help you anymore
And I'm frozen in time
This wasn't meant to rhyme
Starin' in your scared little eyes
And I'm not your friend
Not your friend
Not your friend anymore

#### **Another Summer**

Sitting on the edge of the concrete path The grains digging into my skin

Sitting on the edge of the life I've got to live Should I even try

Summer Oh Summer Oh

A small smile on my lips staring into the distance A horizon I need to face how swiftly it's coming closer

Always planning for the future not taking a present step Dreaming dreams out of the future where people see me clearly

I'm no longer the silent girl Maybe next summer I'm awake, you approach me Maybe next summer

In another life I would talk to you In another world I could risk it maybe

Just wait another day
I won't hold out for long
Just wait a little while
I'll change before your eyes
Be here next summer
and I will come to you

## **Anymore**

I never meant to trust you
I meant to let it alone
But intentions are not the most promising of things
They're not there for you
through thick and thin

I saw your eyes-Blue and cold and filled with things I didn't want at all

And then I heard
Oh, oo woah
That now you have
Oh, oo woah
A new girl
Oh, oo woah
And you said
Oh, oo oh
I'm not trying
Noooo
To be yours
Anymore
Anymore

Letting you go
It just happened...
Not my decision,
I just stood by
and watched
As I watched
you transformed
Changed into someone
I didn't know

And I knew we were in trouble, jeopardized with shame and I knew I couldn't fix it with just a hammer and a nail so I stood by and cried my head off and laughed my heart out...

And then I heard Oh, oo woah That now you have Oh, oo woah A new girl Oh, oo woah And you said Oh, oo oh I'm not trying Noooo To be yours Anymore Anymore

And those words
They stuck
They messed with my mind
Twirled me into a trance
Into your arms
and back again
Into your arms
and back again

As I watched you transformed Changed into someone I didn't know And I watched With painful eyes Thunder eyes Lightning eyes Not blue, but just as cold as yours

When you said Oh, oo oh I'm not tryin No To be yours Anymore

## Baby, You Did It

Once upon a time-I was down and depressed Baby, you turned it upside down With your company And even your flaws Especially your flaws Cause I had some too We weren't happily ever after Or even perfect But neither of us saw Any of the cause We served the curtains Out loud, "it's not over yet" And now we'll be seeing The sights of all time Baby, you did it With your deep brown eyes With your laugh, just your smile With your humor, your face You turned it upside down Listen now Baby, you did it With your deep brown eyes With your laugh, just your smile With your humor, your face But I took it slow Took it mysterious Oh baby oh The best time of our lives Seeing the sights of all time Baby, you did it With your deep brown eyes With your laugh, just your smile With your humor, your face You turned it upside down Baby, you did it With your deep brown eyes With your laugh, just your smile With your humor, your face Oh baby Oh baby Oh baby, oh Listen now Oh baby Oh baby Oh baby, oh Baby, you did it

## **Back To You**

I don't want to live always in your shadow
So I can't keep going on the current path I take
The path I walk beside you
The path that's wrecking me...
And this is what I say to you in my mind
Give it up, you're never gonna want to let me go
No, oh
And what you want's never gonna make me happy too
Oooh
So give it up, I'm never comin' back to you

#### **Backwards**

Over the river you're laughing I can hear it, the sounds of starting again I can hear it, the shards of a broken mirror I can hear it, the forever that was lost I can miss yesterday

I'm the only one who can tell you how it feels I'm the only one who misses yesterday

Why don't you
I don't know why
Didn't you ever
Feel the forever
Didn't you ever
want that perfect mirror to last

I don't know why
I want to kick myself
I want to break out in tears
I want to run up the stairs
I want to run back down
I want to trace the whole world
Back to its beginnings
I want to say your name backwards
Laugh backwards
Love backwards
Live backwards
for the rest of time

I don't know why
I want to love you like you once loved me
I want to conquer the world
I want to apologize again
I want to do all the things
I should have done...

Backwards it's the only way to live No decisions, only facts Watching them unfold retracing the past

Animals descend the ark backwards

Clouds are once again filled with rain I unwrite this story words pulled back into my pen And no one has ever read it or ever will again

#### **Balance**

I stand here and watch as you beat yourself down over the silly little things as you tear yourself apart and I don't do anything

And I'm gonna tell you like I've told you before It won't work because the blend of dark and light It has to balance or everything will fall Everything will be in pieces

It won't work because the blend of dark and light It keeps the world moving Keeps people on their toes It has to balance or everything will fall

#### **Because of You**

Because of you I'm angry all the freakin' time Because of you I'm always wary Because of you I lost my virtue Because of you I am broken Chorus Now we're here And no way Will I give in to you Now we're here My only weapon Is sarcasm Now we're here And I don't want What you started with me that day Now we're here And I think Who gives a crap anyway End chorus To you I'm exposed To you I'm a quick target But you will see I'm not that easy There's more complications That come with this confident girl Now we're here And no way Will I give in to you Now we're here My only weapon Is sarcasm Now we're here And I don't want What you started with me that day Now we're here And I think Who gives a crap anyway And I stand by and think What's the deal here I never bothered you then I don't bother you now And you started it And all your friends laugh Like no one's watching And I realize they aren't And I don't want to tell It'll urge you on

But I can't take this anymore
Now we're here
And no way
Will I give in to you
Now we're here
My only weapon
Is sarcasm
Now we're here
And I don't want
What you started with me that day
Now we're here
And I think
Who gives a crap anyway

### **Beneath the Stairs**

After you left us You cáme back You found me crying Beneath the stairs Of your house, what used to be before? But I have to wonder Whether you really looked behind what was Beneath the stairs Because when you found me crying I was crying just for you For your life, your old life That you used to love And now I worry once more About what you saw when you looked Beneath the stairs If you felt what my heart thought had happened When you were here, you understood everything You were always by my side But then you said those fatal words-"I can't stay here anymore"

#### **Better Than This**

I'd give anything, everything To have something better than this Look there, do you see it Something hidden beyond the horizon And I'll watch it in the rain pouring down Turn into fog, just a mystery He looks for a glance out the window Sees me sitting there, watching, in the rain I'd give anything, everything To have something better than this I see a memory, my memory When I said, look there But he didn't see it, never will see it Something's there, hidden beyond the horizon He turns, looks out the window Sees me kissing my dreams in the rain Turns away quickly with a bitter smile Thinks I should be kissing him But I'd give anything, everything To have something better than this That doesn't turn his back on my dreams And I remember crying Crying in the rain, talking to myself I want a life better than this So I fix my eyes on the horizon There's something there, beyond the horizon I'll quietly watch it In the rain pouring down Turn into fog, just a mystery Now I have just a memory of that boy He turned away from me for always with a bitter smile But I know I don't feel that way Anymore Now I have something to do with my life Something better than that Because I fixed my eyes On that something, beyond the horizon That time when I wanted something Something better than this And I fulfilled my dreams

## **Bitterly**

Bitterly, I walk away from a crying place Where everyone seems uncertain About where to go from here Head down, I wait without talking to her It seems we're in different worlds And maybe we are But I hide who I really am Bitterly,
I pray that this won't repeat Nothing is what it seems, life lesson Bitterly, I walk away from a crying place Where everyone seems uncertain About where to go from here Bitterly, I walk away from a crying place Where everyone seems uncertain About where to go from here Bitterly, I walk away from a crying place Where everyone seems uncertain About who I am

# **Breakin' Promises**

She's two-faced
She's breakin' promises left and right
But I guess that's all life is
Breakin' promises left and right
And learning how to cope
Learning how to just deal
When your best friend is two-faced
Sweet-talking you to your face
Then turning around and breakin' promises
To you, not them
Them meaning people, not her friends
Acting their opposite role in life
And you realize you'll always be there for her
but they won't
She's two-faced
She's breakin' promises left and right

### **Burned**

You claim you felt a spark. Maybe it was just the fire in my hands, directed at you.

You said I touched you first. Maybe it was just to get away from the cold isolation sizzling under my skin.

My head is oxygen
For a fiery sea storm
all day and all night
maybe it's a warning
sign, but
I'm hurling faster faster faster
into a universe never found.

And then when you tried to kiss me Believe me, darling we were better off friends.

Your heat warms me and warns me at once.

Your smile controls me I can't be controlled.

My fear takes over a beautiful sun on a beautiful day in a beautiful world.

You're a magnet it's dangerous to resist the pull.

I'm being swallowed smoked burned

by this nonexistent spark raging into an invisible flame.

Someone help m-

## **Bury Me**

A glance a deadly sword made to slip through your eyes

An overwhelming urge to Bury me Beneath the storming skies

It's me it's you I'd give anything to see it through

It's you it's me The deadly sword twists in my soul set me free

I'm not the only one dying I see it in your eyes Years of the impossible I materialize in your mind

But I'm not the only one alive Your eyes burn with love's strong heat My eyes sting with a lost life When you bury me beneath

Dying words Spoken alive I think you're beautiful Why didn't I ever catch your eye

So many hours watching you from behind So many days admiring your waves from the shore

At last I'm noticed
Beneath a cascade of earth
At last the ray of
peace
collides with
me

I'm not the only one dying I see it in your eyes Years of the impossible I materialize in your mind

But I'm not the only one alive Your eyes burn with love's strong heat My eyes sting with a lost life When you bury me beneath

My heart lifts Finally freed from my chains, eternal Bliss

Bury me alive, at least it's not you who dies If I could decide I swear you'll never die

But you're a tortured soul you can't control the fire that finds you here

A glance a deadly sword made to slip through your eyes

Hope it doesn't slice through my fingers on the way

I'm not the only one dying I see it in your eyes Years of the impossible I materialize in your mind

But I'm not the only one alive Your eyes burn with love's strong heat My eyes sting with a lost life When you bury me

# **But I Can't Help It**

Once you came into my life
I was awed in three places
Dedicated
To winning your heart,
To winning you
You never meant to do any of this
This I know
You would never fall for me
But I can't help it
I can't help it
I'm dedicated
To winning your heart,
To winning you

#### Can I

When she says, When I think of generosity I think of you Can I stay with you For a while? I say, You don't have to But inside I say, I want you to When she says, When I think of honesty Loyalty I think of you Can I stay by your side? I say, That's okay I can do it By myself Bút inside I'm still a small child With many fears So I want to say, Yes, come and ease my tears When she says, When I think of happiness I think of you Can I help you At all? I say, No But inside I say, Yes, you can try But I know That I should have said What I was thinking It has cost me Through the years And I know That I wouldn't have said no If I had only known But sadly None of us are real fortune-tellers We don't know what's going to happen So we predict And sometimes we have to pay

### **Can't Hold Me Back**

When the sky is gray Oh, oh Can't hold me back Ah, ah

When the words you said come creeping in They can't hold me back Any more than you can...

And I'm just gonna go
Jump into the dark
Take the chance of a lifetime
I'm just gonna see
What it feels like
To stand there, the air rushing by

When the sky is gray Oh, oh Can't hold me back Ah, ah

I'm just gonna go
Fight the fire that is you
I just want to know
Something realer than you
And stand there as you fade
into my past

All the things you are All the words that are you This part of my past isn't me at all

All the moments you hold All the things you are Can't hold me back Any more than you can... Nothing Can hold me back

## Can't Say A Thing

I don't know how you deal with it pretending every day All at once keeping truths hidden and letting them loose

And I can't Say a thing Your finger traces Along my eyes

I just can't Tell you to stop It's not worth it to try to hide

Life is just all One big disguise A cloak, maybe Made out of what I'm hiding...

I just can't Say a thing Your finger traces Along my eyes

## **Can't Stop Now**

Vanilla tulips
I hum softly
Wind in my hair
But can't stop, can't stop now
Crack of branches
Soft steps coming closer
Clouds in the distance
One for me, one for you
But won't come, won't come today
So hold out till tomorrow

Your breathing, so soft
So vulnerable
Hang on to a wish
You made yesterday
But won't end, won't end now
At peace with everything

Chill runs through me Close my eyes Glad for this diamond desert This fantasy, right here, right now But the fortune-teller's misled Cheerful, friendly, but misled My head must weigh an eternity More than words can describe Only thoughts and dreams And wishes Can describe Vanilla tulips Come again I hum softer now Wind, that same wind in my hair But can't stop, can't stop now Crack of branches Soft steps coming closer Clouds in the distance One for me, one for you But won't come, won't come today So hold out till tomorrow

### **Can't Understand You**

I can't understand you And they can't understand you Never have Never will Neither the puzzles of life Nor the tunnel of death Will compare to those whispers Of secrecy But still I can never Figure you out You raise us on our knees Begging for hope and trust In you once again But you let us down Timé after time I can't understand you And they can't understand you Never have Never will I don't know you anymore I don't know who you are Seems like I never did And never will

## Can't You Sing a Line

Woah oh oh
Can't you sing a line
Woah oh oh
You wanna make me smile
Woah oh oh
Can't you sing a line
The whole world is watching

Should I not be Thinking this Is that not what you want

Should I not be Feeling this But you're obeying my wishes

Woah oh oh
Can't you sing a line
Woah oh oh
You wanna make me smile
Woah oh oh
Can't you sing a line
The whole world is watching

Should I Stop already and let destiny take its course

No, I'd rather keep going And decide it for ourselves...

Woah oh oh
Can't you sing a line
Woah oh oh
You wanna make me smile
Woah oh oh
Can't you sing a line
The whole world is watching

So confused on the dance floor right now

Going insane on the dance floor right now

Wild And can't hold Back my feelings For you...

Woah oh oh
Can't you sing a line
Woah oh oh
You wanna make me smile
Woah oh oh
Can't you sing a line
The whole world is watching

Oh, I'd rather keep going Destiny isn't its own to decide I'm handling it myself, I'm taking control Can't you sing a line to help me

Woah oh oh Can't you sing a single line Oh, the whole world is watching The whole world is watching

# **Changed**

My life was
Turned over
By a girl that I met
In first grade
She was my friend,
She helped me
When I needed it
But my life was
Changed
By a girl that I met
That stayed for a while
She left footprints on my heart
And my soul

She left footprints
Left steps
Left hands
Put togetherFrom all different cultures, not one the same
But when you look deep down
The people that owned them were as different as left hands
And right hands
So I placed my hand in hers
And I felt that the world was on my side

#### Cheese- #200!!!

The cheese. The soft, the sweet, the cold, the melted.

I am writing about cheese. You might ask, Why did this happen? Well, Poets have been Mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese.

I'm going to make a new subtopic Cheese is worthy of my praise. What about yours?

A message to My fellow poets: Cheese currently requires our attention. The least we can do is offer it.

I am writing about cheese. When did this happen? It's just another food, Equal to writing about Pasta, or peaches. Or broccoli.

But I'm not giving my time to broccoli. I've already done My brococóli dance. (Yes, I spelled that wrong on purpose. You may never know why.) Pasta doesn't deserve my time because there's none of it in my pantry. I'm not giving my time to peaches either, however deliciously flawless they may be. Instead, I will graciously lay down my time with a flourish, with a bow at the feet of Queen Cheese.

The cheese. The soft, the sweet, the cold, the melted.

I am writing about cheese. You might ask, Why did this happen? Well, Poets have been Mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese.

### **Chronic Condition**

It spreads fast From my head to my toes and I'm coughing and moaning and running a fever

Darlin' lovin' you's a chronic condition And I've got it bad And one of these days it's gonna tear me apart Destroy me from the inside out

Can't eat can't talk can't sleep Can't do anything But just lie here and wait for it to subside

Darlin' lovin' you's a chronic condition And I've got it bad And one of these days it's gonna tear me apart Destroy me from the inside out

But as I wait it comes on faster Spreading to fill the inside of me

My heart's beating too fast It's a chronic condition I can see it now Coming on faster now as I think of you I'm dying... Ever So Slowly

Darlin' lovin' you's a chronic condition And I've got it bad And one of these days it's gonna tear me apart Destroy me from the inside out

Won't ever go away
I have nothing to stop it
from spreading
so fast

Darlin' lovin' you's a chronic condition

And I've got it bad And one of these days it's gonna tear me apart Destroy me from the inside out

Takes control of me I follow it blindly Not caring anymore what will happen to me

Darlin' you know
Lovin' you's a chronic condition
And I've got it bad
And I'm just waiting it out,
waiting for the blow
Cause one of these days
it's gonna tear me apart
Oh, one of these days
it's gonna kill me

## **Closer To The Sky**

A desert One endless pillar sticks out from the resta sun among clouds.

A miniature mountain rising up from the Rolling waves of Pain.

Maybe if I Climb, he thinks, I'll be Closer to the sky.

One step at a Time, leaving footprints in the Sand.

The dangerous steep trek His feet enveloped in dirt like an overflowing pile of bad news blotting out the good.

The reward, reaching the climax A grassy patch, just grass just grass just grass no hope.

He sits on the green topping the miniature mountain.

Hiding everything, Showing nothing, With a blank face He looks out at the gray sky and spots another pillar sticking out from the Rest.

This one An even brighter star.

Maybe this time, he thinks, there will be Hope at the peak. Maybe this one will mark the end

	of my endless journey.
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# **Cosmic Certainty (Freeing Feeling, part 2)**

The cheerful cadence of charm
The complex capabilities of catastrophe

The calming caution of chance The cosmic certainty of challenge

The hazy height of happiness The haggard horror of harm The historic harmony of honor The heaviness of hidden homes

The absolute aim of addition
The alarming abundance of adventure
The astronomical attraction of airborne
The amazing ability of anything

## Crazy

The ground sparkles
The earth spins
It turns me, whirls me
Upside down
Round and round

Am I crazy? Maybe not as crazy as everybody else I'm prob'ly not as crazy as me

You can see dark shapes in an empty room
You can dream that we're sending an elephant to the moon
But you're prob'ly not as crazy as me
You're prob'ly not as crazy as me

The world dims even more than it already has I throw my head on my hands I keep on going, day after day Day After day After day

Am I crazy?
Maybe not as crazy
as everybody else
I'm prob'ly not as crazy
as me

You can see dark shapes in an empty room
You can dream that we're sending an elephant to the moon
But you're prob'ly not as crazy as me
You're prob'ly not as crazy as me

You can make my heart beat faster
You can slip away again
You can lift me up to the sun
You can make my feet tap
You can make my head spin
And you can whirl me onto the dance floor
right now
But you're prob'ly not as crazy
as me

You can see dark shapes in an empty room
You can dream that we're sending an elephant to the moon
But you're prob'ly not as crazy as me

You're prob'ly not as crazy as Me As me No one's as crazy As me

You're prob'ly not as crazy as me

### **Crickets**

Chirping cricket families talk
Under the midnight moon
But chirping cricket children
Hide when it is noon
They don't make a sound when the sun comes out
But they are lively at nightFor when we come out they hide,
So they are like us in the daytime at night.

# **Darkest Dimension (Freeing Feeling, part 3)**

The defiant damage of danger
The darkest dimension of death
The dauntless determination of deception
The delicate devotion of delight

The bittersweet belonging of beauty The binding brokenness of believing The boundless bounty of balance The bold blast of breath

The picturesque praise of peace The permanent panic of passion The past pride of promises The painless pity of perfection

## Darlin' You're Changin' My Mind

I walk up the stairs
Been alone for a while
Tryin' to keep on the road
That's been there in front of me all of my life
But darlin' you're changin' my mind

Keepin' my feelings behind this gray wall Oh, it's all that I see all the time I'm tryin' my hardest to keep myself strong But darlin' you're makin' it hard

I keep the lines runnin' through my still head Suddenly I stop in my tracks, oh Thinkin' your presence had brought me to tears But now I realize I was wrong...

Darlin' your goneness had made me cry Oh, oh, cry

I walk up the stairs
Almost catch my breath realizin'
Darling you're makin' it hard...
Yesterday I had thought I was alone
But darlin' you're changin' my mind

Whisper in my mind, is it real or not A whisper, sayin' your name I've got no idea, am I crazy or not Oh darlin', you're drivin' me insane...

I throw myself down
Givin' up for right now
Lovin' you's keeping me up
On my toes and
Suddenly you're changin' my mind
Oh, and suddenly you're changing' my mind
Oh
Darlin' you're changin' my mind

# **Dead and Gone**

It seems like
No one notices
The little things
It seems like
We begin to need people
When they're dead
And gone

# **Defying Gravity**

When we stare at each other strangely There's something in between our eyes Something that defies gravity And we think it's called courage But it's not- it's courage mixed with fear Because courage is fear itself Courage is knowing what not to fear

## **Don't Cry For Me**

More than a dream As I stare into your eyes More than a cover Overshadowed by your name Chorus Don't cry for me Don't leave me now Hope surrounds them, Doubt surrounds me Am I true? Fear is life But you're fearless Lost control, keep Holding on Don't cry for me End chorus Flying, you're flying As I stay on the ground And watch More than a girl Overshadowed by your name, Your creations, your foundation Don't cry for me Don't leave me now Hope surrounds them Doubt surrounds me Am I true? Fear is life But you're fearless Lost control, keep Holding on Don't cry for me You used to huddle near me Warmed by my smile I knew without a care in the world You knew me through my silence You liked me through my faults You cared for me through my depressions At some times You even loved me, without a doubt But now Don't cry for me Don't leave me now Hope surrounds them Doubt surrounds me Am I true? Am I here? Fear is life But you're fearless Lost control, keep Holding on Don't cry for me Don't cry for me

Don't leave me now Cause you know, deep down I can't do this anymore Don't cry for me

### Don't You Tell Me To Be Good

Don't you tell me to be good
Cause I've got no urge to be
I want to show
in your presence
I want to laugh
till the sun goes out
and the stars come down
And I can't see anything anymore

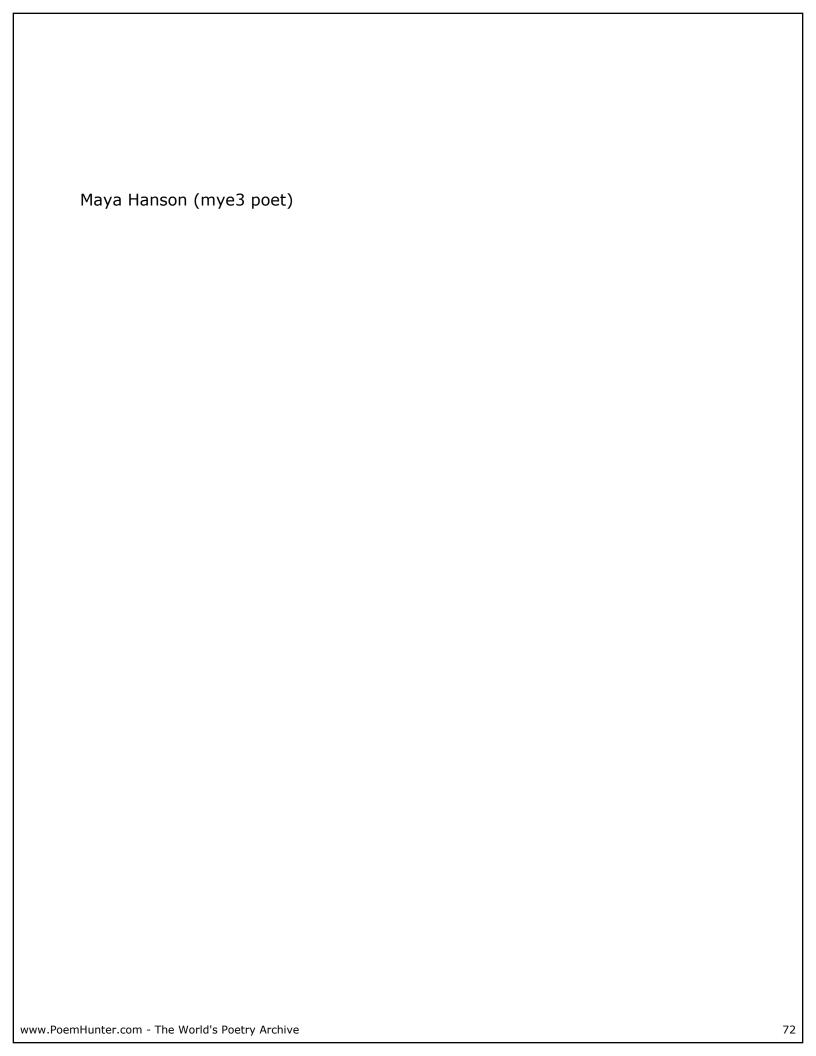
Don't you tell me to be good
I've got no cause to be
I want to be wild
while I'm with you
I want to make it last
while I'm still here
and you don't
hate me yet
And I don't want it to ever stop

Don't you tell me to be good No, I've got no dream to be I want to be free sitting right here I want to fly away on the wings of a bird Oh, I'm still here and you still love me And I don't want to be good Anymore

I'm not gonna be a good girl
I'm not gonna be a good girl
Why don't you just listen
to what I have to say
I'm not gonna be a good girl
I'm not gonna be a good girl
And I know you know
that decision might cause me pain
But I don't care

I'm not gonna be a good girl
I've made up my mind
And it's not like you're watching me
I'm not gonna be a good girl
until the sun goes out
and the stars come down
And I can't see anything anymore

Oh, now I'm never gonna be a good girl I'm never gonna be a good girl like I was before



# **Double Chocolate Chip Mornings**

As the sun comes out above me It comes out above you, too We are like a split double chocolate chip cookie No longer in the right place, Or the right shape, Or the right colors Double chocolate chip mornings As the grass beneath my feet emerges You're laughing too A constant sound trapped inside me No longer together, Or sharing inside jokes, But yet not apart Mint ice cream afternoons As the air gets colder and the wind plays with my hair It's teasing you, too A constant sound trapped inside me No longer together, Or sharing inside jokes, But yet not apart We are like a split double chocolate chip cookie No longer in the right place, Or the right shape, Or the right colors Double chocolate chip mornings

### **Dream Giver**

I'll move with the wind flying colors, past the peak of the mountain you stare at every morning

I'll keep a picture of the sun just so I don't forget, it's easy to lose something so bright, so real, so close to my heart

And I'll become
The sky
I'll see you when it's dawn
When you wake it will be
A new day
Another chance

I'll stay for as long as it takes to change the ice back into snow to unmelt your heart from what it once was

Keeping all of that locked up inside... it can't be as freeing as a sunrise, where I dance and you watch me every morning

And I'll become
The sky
I'll see you when it's dawn
When you wake it will be
A new day
Another chance

A running start you attempt to leap into my sunrise I feel you leap, but it's just a hallucination The real one is to come I'll guide you tomorrow

And I'll become
The sky
I'll see you when it's dawn
When you wake it will be
A new day
Another chance

The past, you know it's hard to forget I felt your pain last night, I felt your fear, your giddiness as you slept, you dreamed

I felt your pain last night I'm part of you, inside you, I am you I'll feel it once more as a dream giver

### **Dreamer**

You want to
Learn to drive a stick shift
Strength
Work in Palestine for Israel
Become a nurse
Courage
Help everyone in the world
Learn to build on what you've already done
Caring
Dreams for rebuilding Haiti, and so much more...
You have dreams, Elizabeth,
and you can make them.

## **Dreaming Is Free**

Sitting here
Standing on end
Freezing
from the love by break of day
Watching the steps
Waiting for you
But then
isn't that what life is for

I'll hold my hope in I'm not giving up yet I'm too young to be without a purpose Dreaming is free and don't deny it

Dreaming all day, all night Can't you see I'm fading It's exhausting yet exhilarating longing after you But then isn't that what love is for

Waiting in your room
Sprinting across the sidewalk
Can't tell I'm turning crazy
The dreams
come too close
Blinding me to everything

Dreaming
It's killing me now
Wearing me down
Weakening my bravado
Tearing me through...

But at the same time it's keeping me alive Sharpening my edges Keeping me on my toes Raising my love and my hopes again and again

Without dreaming
I'd be nothing
a shadow on the wall
Passersby lock up my cage
keeping me from breaking out
But won't you let me keep on singing
until I fall asleep
until the moon goes out
until my love fire dies

Dreaming is free and don't you deny me The wings of a dream could liberate me From this cage, the doubts love could hold me up

But you can lock me in that cage I don't care anymore You can chain my hands and feet to the floor You can crush him before my eyes But you can't keep me from singing You can't keep this fire from burning Dreaming is free

## empty space

Soft whispers, loud and clear. Not yet.

Sweet song, hummed by you. Don't regret.

In my mind. A small sound. I look away.

No, no. You misunderstand. Please stay.

My mouth shut, you listen. Silent words.

I know. Things change. You are heard.

Just one thrill, I relent. Treasure a night.

You and me, I whisper. Till it's light.

I'll start, you follow. Set a pace.

A nothing room, a something room... empty space.

# **Envy**

Envy is not a monster.

It is a disease, coiling its body around me, squeezing until I'm not myself anymore.

Envy is not green...
it is black.
Black
like the center
of a chasm I can't leap.
Black
like the space behind your eyes,
so dark you have to open them again.
Black
like my soul.

Envy
takes over the
controls of my heart,
turning all of them up
so far
I can't go back.
It slips
like a snake
out of
the side of
your soul.

It leaves you breathless as it wanders in the air to find another victim.

Envy.

### **Even We**

I am a clock Tick tock I never stop Tick tock I tell time Tick tock

"When will the school day be over? "

I will not stop Tick tock Until they leave Tick tock No! Tick tock

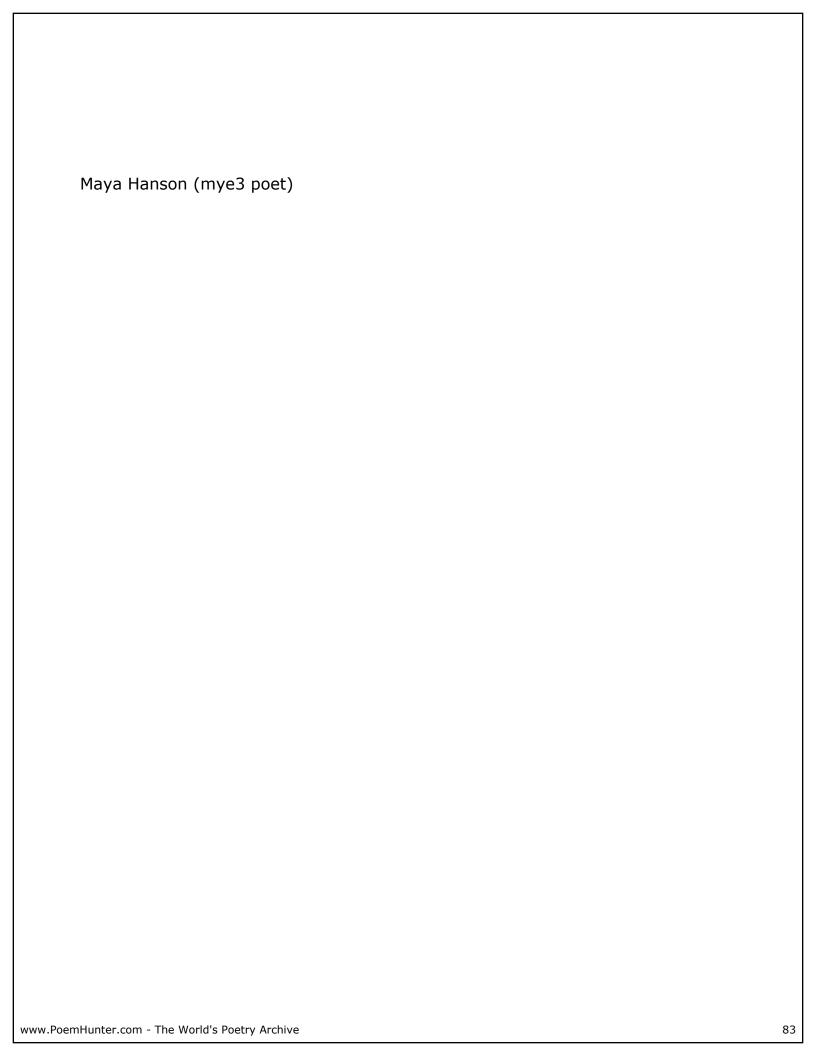
"Then I still keep going."

I jump off the wall and be crazy with my friends. Then at 7: 30 a.m.
I stop and go back. But- you see?
Even we need a time to have fun.

## **Everyone's Tasting Fire**

Catching fire in my throat As I leave this place The bitter taste of it stings my words But then everyone's tasting fire And higher And higher we go We learn as we go The bitter taste of it stings our words Everyone's tasting fire And higher And higher we go We learn as we go The bitter taste of it stings our words Everyone's tasting fire And there's no sympathy Cause we're all In the same place Same place Everyone's tasting fire And higher And higher we go We learn as we go Everyone's tasting fire No water Coming to save our lives Like it was Almost perfect Before Everyone's tasting fire And higher And higher we go We learn as we go Everyone was tasting fire And higher And higher we went We learned as we went That everyone's tasting fire And higher And higher we go We learn as we go But if everyone's tasting fire Then who's gonna get the water? Everyone's tasting fire And higher Who's gonna get the water? Everyone's tasting fire And higher And higher And everyone's tasting fire But if everyone's tasting fire

Then who's gonna get the water?



# **Everything Is Illuminated**

My eyes are closed.

I am a bat, guided by darkness.

I am a mole, staying out of the sun.

I am a spirit confined to the night.

I am a shadow, mean nothing to anyone.

My eyes are closed.

I bump into walls, take a picture in my head two colors, five, ten what's the difference?

Flurries of misunderstanding I'm taken over One lonely bat flaps its Wings in my ears.

I am a creature of the black.
No matter what language you translate my eyes to, I can't see.
No matter whose wings live in my memories, I can't feel.
It doesn't matter which words you speak, or what world you control.
I am a knight of the night.

My eyes stay closed.

One day I wake up Just another day my eyes are swollen shut with the weight of my fears.

But this world is different I feel it, I see it in colors Behind the abused lids of my eyes.

No longer dreaming in black and white,

I capture a sixth sense in the mystery of my mind A final sight.

I open my eyes and everything is illuminated.

### Fall

My eyes are only half open Why shouldn't I fall asleep My arms are shivering, shaking Why shouldn't I let go

I'm come to the end of the line time to step off the walkway leap quickly off the log

But I'm not tired of this beauty Not tired at all... I'm holding on I'm holding on No other choice but to fall

Indecision is stifling
My illuminated skin gives anything away
An empty room, a suffering life
A sky is your bedroom, a world apart

Still hanging on a ledge fingers slipping ever so slowly

I have no one left
I exist alone
My fingers know this
they're chilled to the bone

I'm not a wasted life
But I can't
hold on anymore
No real existence to grasp
No other choice but to fall

I feel your absence before I hit the ground Shouldn't that say something about me about you I understand there's no one here but me Sitting on my shoulder my soul holds its story Before I hit the ground

I wish you were here
I wish you were not
I don't know what I should fear
I'm still falling

You're my tiger's eye I can't no, I can't decide

Why should I wake when this dream world is better? Why should I fly when falling is so exhilarating?

I'm still falling... falling...

And on the other side of the world You Wake up.

### **Fall Out Of Love**

Can you make yourself love?
Can you make yourself be loved?
Can you waste away the sorrow
Before you're even all the way hurt
All the way damaged
Can you fall out of love

Can you make yourself mourn?
Can you make yourself be mourned?
Can your practice alone, in front of the mirror
What you're going to say to him
But keep silent, keep silent
Never brave enough
Can you fall out of love

Can you let him go?
Can you let him let you go?
While you hide and cry the day away
Without shedding a tear
Can you fall out of love

I thought I loved you I thought we were I thought we were I thought I loved you... before...

Can you make yourself love Can you make yourself be loved Can you make yourself mourn Can you make yourself be mourned

Can you let him go Can you let him go Can you let him Can you let him let you go...

Can you fall out of love

# **Falling**

In dreams I was
Falling
But in reality I was
Leaping
In dreams I was
Crying
But in reality I was
Waiting
Is there a difference?
In dreams I was
Running
But in reality I was
Walking
In dreams I was
Dying
But in reality I was
Living,
Catching,
Helping,
But helpless,
Watching the earth die

### **Farther Than Ever**

My best friend Is letting me do my own thing And part of it is my fault I can't speak for her But I know I will always regret it Ignoring someone Doesn't work Excuses, excuses "I thought you were someone else" "I have to work on a project" "I have to babysit tonight' Well, I'm sick And tired Of them It's a free country So I can play the role of copycat If I want I can turn on her too And give her a taste of her own medicine

And since I Can't do it anymore You, her new best friends, Have to listen to her and realize who she is She isn't laughing nervously In that pose she does for you That's the one she uses for photographers, For cheerful little white lies To get her out of trouble, For people she pretends to be someone else around She isn't even Throwing her head back and fake-laughing Like we all do when people try to cheer us up And it's not working And the truth about her Isn't one single answer It's millions of five-minute memories That take time to create So I can't tell them to anyone You have to find her out yourself

Don't take this the wrong way You all have good intentions

But you have to find her out yourself

### **Fear**

Fear far away When fear pounces it takes hold of your throat can't breathe until suddenly the moment is over

I'm happiest when I'm terrified It brings out the best in me Missing out are the people with everlasting confidence Leaving nothing in the hands of fear

Someone wise once told me let fear have you Let it grab you when you're scared Let it take you to unimagined places Let it make you dream of unimagined things

Someone wise once said let fear have you Let it seize you in the moment Let it make you into someone you didn't know existed Let it make you be an unimagined you

### **Fire and Screams**

You called my name Urgently called my name But I didn't hear you Through the fire and screams I looked for you Desperately looked for you But I couldn't find you There was fire and screams Hiding that I think of you Every few minutes, I should say Just hold on to me Through that fire, those screams Trust won't break through the fire and screams It will grow against gravity The gravity of moments that took my breath away The pull of me and you, the right choice The urging to stay calm Through the fire and screams But then there's always the evil gravity The gravity of uncertainty, of fears The pull of loneliness and tears The urging to scream, to add to those screams That fire, those screams I looked for you Frantically looked for you But I couldn't find you Through the fire and screams

# **Flying**

It's a sign From down under That we hold The power to fly

In my mind I've always wondered What it would be like to touch the sky

Everything
I can't control
is a swarm of smoke
a blockade I'm hiding behind

The storm above my head is crushing me Piece by piece I have to fight to ask myself if I'm still alive

I'm sentenced to a lifetime on the cold, unforgiving ground Pressing through a veil of pure stone Strong as steel and cascading with thunder.

I fight.
Nothing comes
To pity me.
I laugh.
'You can't
Kill me now.'
I sigh.
Might as well
Give up.
The storm, cold as ice
It's bringing me down.

I smile.
At least
I've come this far.
There are others
Who haven't
Been so lucky.
I cry.
My love
Gone now.
Despairing,
My life takes
Its final bow.

But is that a Light in the darkness? Is there finally a Sun in the sky? It's so clear I've Almost dared to hope. Oh darling, please don't ask, don't Tell me why.

Just let me believe in an illusion in front of me. Let me keep this life for free...

I try
One more time
to break free of my chains.
They give.
I soar.

The exhilaration touches my fingertips, blows through my hair and I'm free.

Flying.

# **Footprints**

Walking on the Gulf Shores
You leave footprints
That are quickly washed away by the tide
Like you were never there
But you took secret visits
To the sand, the sky, the waves
Walking on the Gulf Shores
You leave footprints
That are quickly washed away
Like you were never there

### For A While

There's a dark place behind me filled with your scent And things I've never wanted to admit

But you've gotta know That was a long time ago And I'm still alive I'm still alive

And I know that I'll love you for a while Starin' out my back window And I know that I've wanted your kiss mine And I'll die if you say no...

When I think of that past I go back to one place The outsiders breaking the wall I put up But the only one that I'll let come into my soul is you, Even after all this time

And I know that I'll love you for a while Starin' out my back window And I know that I've wanted your kiss mine And I'll die if you say no...

That dark place behind me is coming back I was lost, but I'm coming to And I'm remembering you Your hand on my shoulder, your lips on my neck The moments we've shared I won't ever forget

And I know that I'll love you for a while Sitting silently, staring out my back window... And I know that I've wanted your kiss mine And I won't try to hide it And I'll die if you say no...

I know that I've loved you for the longest time

### **Forever**

If you're looking
For a rush
Then come to me
I'll fix you up
If you're dying
For something fierce
Then come to me
I got it here

I see you now
I know you now
But what about forever?
I see you now
I know you now
But what about forever?

I'm leaving them
For you
I'm going strong
For you
I'm coming home
For you
I'm traveling long
For you

I see you now
I know you now
But what about forever?
I see you now
I know you now
But what about forever?

I'm coming home for you But I know it's wrong I'm coming home for you But nothing is my real home

I see you now
I know you now
But what about forever?
I see you now
I know you now
But what about forever?

# Freeing Feeling (part 1)

The freeing feeling of finishing The final foot of your fields The fantastic fever of friendship The fitting fate of the fire

The majestic melody of movement The mutual mess of meetings The magic of momentous moments The marvelous mark of memory

The reflection of ravenous running
The relaxed repetition of rhymes
The rampant realism of remembrance
The random rush of reality

### **Friends and Enemies**

She stole his heart She stole his soul She turned her back, And I went home I'm not giving in to this She stole my source of courage She stole my only hope She turned to the other girls, And only then I started missing her But I'm not giving her a second chance When I heard her laugh with another girl I coiled up I wasn't speaking to her At all But I gave her a little more time to change her mind When I saw her smile For the first time since then I turned around and sighed Now only a painful reminder will remain Of those early days that I missed her Those even earlier days that I was always with her Those days when I first met her Later, when I started to need her

# **Garden (You're My Lone Flower)**

I'm so confused so I let down my guard I float myself out into the night And there in my garden I sit there and wait Stare at the lone flower, I cry

Love is not the same thing it was yesterday Can't realize what you know and don't know If you keep throwing your Voices with swords at me I will keep letting you go...

How rare a gift you have I'm not letting it in past me Focused upward, I'm not moving my eyes What I see is thunderclouds taking over the earth But I swallow my tears and look towards the sky

When I'm in my garden
I get my only strength
From a single flower that reassures me
And the only thing I know
You're my lone flower
That's everything you can ever be

And the only thing I know You're my lone flower That's everything you can ever be And the only thing I know You're my lone flower Oh, you're my lone flower, set me free

### Girl In White

A girl, she's made of so many colors Can we memorize them all

As a child, rocked back and forth He dunked her head underwater How ironic that way back then she was a girl in white

Growing up, think pink
Be her sister,
hold her closely while she sleeps
You never know when she'll be heading
out the door

Part of a life, a time before her memory Show her pictures and don't let her forget A girl in violet

A miracle in her early years You were so proud of your best friend, the shining star To you she glowed in yellow

Upon the stage she poured her heart out The crowd as a whole had to shiver when she hit that high note And we cheered for her dressed in silver

From the top of the stairs you can hear her She'll say things she might regret later But you know they weren't true You forgive that girl in blue

True love, she will finally know how it feels, you wonder where will it take her Just three words was all she said And her heart burned in red

Only a gown, only a piece of paper but to her it starts a life She looks out at the crowd all the people who are the words to her story She tells you not to cry But you will see her again A symbol, a laugh, a tassel of gold She looks for somewhere else to go You watch over her shoulder, it seems she leaves a minute later Looking ahead to all she could be How we missed that girl in green

When she's laughing more than ever then you will know And you'll see her, again dressed in white Guided by a glowing light walking down the aisle

The orange horizon matches her summer dress Kissing him She looks back on how much she's lived

As she fades out with the light You'll remember her in white You'll be dressed in the darkest shade of it at the same time, it's the opposite As she whispers her last breath I love you

## **Heart Gone Haywire**

I take one step away, back into my past the only thing I know It's bright and sweet and I can't help thinkingit doesn't seem like mine

Can't you see my heart's gone haywire Thinkin' about you Can't you see I'm invisible beside you And I'll Never be In your heart

I'm playful and mysterious, teasing at you
Telling you to come a little closer
I'm dark and different and dangerous, taking my full heart and hiding it deep inside you where no one else can find it

Can't you see my heart's gone haywire Thinkin' about you Can't you see I'm invisible beside you And I'll Never be In your heart

Something about this feels empty Empty like we never could be Something about this I'm sure Is tragic and I'll never know who you are

I'm singin' something about this feels empty Empty like we never could be Can't you see I'm fallin' fast Tryin' hard to make it last But I'll never know who you are

Can't you see my heart's gone haywire Thinkin' about you Can't you see I'm lost tryin' to find you I'll never be found till you find me first And I'll Never be In your heart No, I'll Never be In your heart In your heart

### **Here Here Here**

Live
Die
Watch you breathe
Live
Die
You say to me,
I can't
Stay
Here

Chorus
But I can't
Feel like something, I can't
Feel like anything
When you're here
Here
Here
End chorus

Heart
Beat
I'm stronger than this
Heart
Beat
I lean in for that kiss

Chorus
And I can't
Feel like something, I can't
Feel like anything
When you're here
Here
Here
End chorus

Love
You
Wherever you are
Love
You
I'll look at your star, and you'll be close behind

Chorus
And I know I can't
Feel like something, I can't
Feel like anything
When you're here
Here
Here
End chorus

### Home

I almost panic when I look in the distance, black clouds loom But I'm on my way now and I'm fighting against my doom

My heart matches the beat of the drums My cheeks flushed from running alone My feet slap the warm pavement as I run towards home

The place I call home where I want you to stay It's hidden here from the chaos, the fray

My heart matches the beat of the drums My cheeks flushed from running alone My feet slap the warm pavement as I run towards home

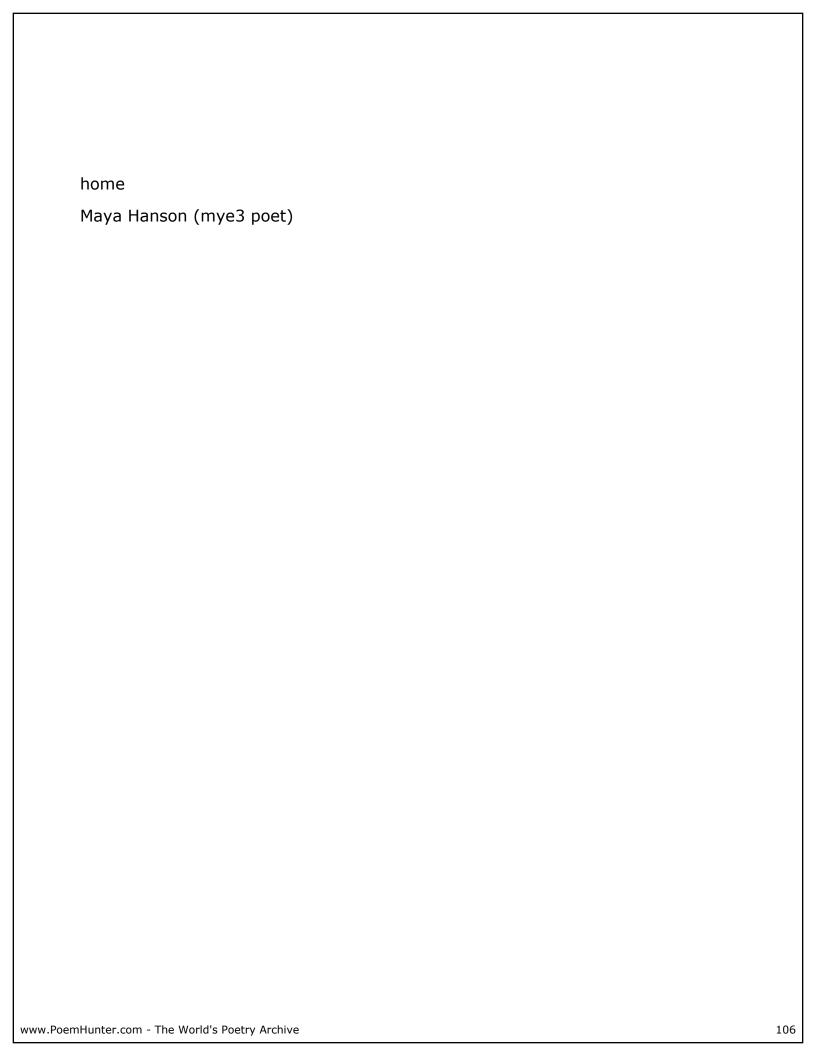
All my dreams, my memories from living here before The silence matched the loneliness a complement to its bitter core

My heart matches the beat of the drums My cheeks flushed from running alone My feet slap the warm pavement as I run towards home

But now I approach it with a bravery that isn't like me While remembering the failures and who I used to be

My heart matches the beat of the drums My cheeks flushed from running alone My feet slap the warm pavement as I run towards home

Holding you like I never have breathing your sweet scent I climb the hills, I think I can so begins my sweet descent My heart beats like this again My cheeks flushed, no longer alone My feet slap the warm pavement as I carry you



### **How Can This Be**

Whispering in class
Laughing at lunch
Joking at each other, but seeing it coming
And I'm on top of the world
How can this be
She has friends everywhere
And it's hard to find mine
My real friends
Emerging
From a planet still standing
Laughing
And waiting up
Learning
What we didn't know before
What was hard to contemplate...
How can this be

### I Am Fossil Fuels

I am from containment ponds and sludge and giving people cancer,

From carbon dioxide emissions linked to global warming bouncing off the atmosphere. I am from annihilating coal mining landscapes and destroying more and more land that is buried,

From spreading false truths to be accepted just to lash out later with my total devastation.

From blowing up mountains from the inside and stealing the noble peaks with a BOOM, Leaving a cratered, barren landscape scattered with toxic ash behind.

I am from thousands and thousands of truck trips, loads of water and chemicals And over time seeping into underground drinking water, letting people light their tap water on fire, hissing and fizzling like snakes as the flame hits the flow.

I am from acid rain falling and damaging buildings and wilderness on the land that used to be,

From decimating forests and burying streams.

I am from cutting millions of jobs every year and leaving workers out in the cold, without anything to fight for.

I am from heart disease, heart attacks, and lung cancer,

From chronic respiratory disease and testicular toxicity, and I torture and kill red blood cells.

I am from global electricity demand rising rapidly each year as the population rises, From people burning more and more fuel and eventually running out. I am fossil fuels.

And I will destroy all.

### I Am Human

I am a Human being.

I try to Think about others first But sometimes I fail.

I am a Selfish Human being.

I hold on through the Darkness that looms-Now and forever, I am capable of reaching For my dreams.

I am a Dreaming Human being.

Sometimes I can't wait For things to happen-I grow restless.

I am an Impatient Human being.

I have a heart Like a fire All at once, it turns Different colors.

I am an Emotional Human being.

I cannot tell you How many times I've snapped-I am just Human and so I am capable of breaking.

I am a Breakable Human being.

I am ready At daylight To face anything Destiny throws at me.

I am a Strong Human being.

I lose Control sometimes and Give myself to Worse desires.

I am a Greedy Human being.

I have family and Friends I would Give anything for Anytime, anywhere.

I am a Lovable Human being.

Sometimes I forget I am ignorant and I am gone When you need me.

I am an Inconstant Human being.

I go through life Uniquely, I'm real, you Know when you Look at me.

I am a Beautiful Human being.

Nature Itself Is not perfect and so I embrace my imperfections.

Through it all I am a Flawed Human being.

Have these things Surprised you, Angered you, Saddened you, Shocked you?

They shouldn't have. I am just Human. Like you.

### I Am Not As Wonderful As A Word

I am not as wonderful as a Word, shifting and flickering like a Candle standing for destruction and Hatred. Push people away, it's the only Way to sift through the storm like it's Flour But then my passion erupts, it's Beautiful Melancholy thoughts I have that Ignite me. The sunshine bleeds through my Skin and I feel Alive.

#### I Live For Now

You might live in the past
Trying to figure out your mysteries
by the moonlight of yesterday
But I prefer the present
Now,
I live for now

You might spend every single second preparing for tomorrow Hanging on to your future But I'd rather be in the moment Now, I live for now

You might pay no attention to me
You might be on the other end of the neverending circle
But I want to be closer to you
To the world
Now,
I live for now

You might be in the shadows all the time
Whispering with her
Her who hates me
Well, you can hate me too
I'll let you hate me
As I stand in the spotlight
Now,
I live for now

You might wait silently for things to happen Not to me, to you But I'd rather happen to the world Now, I live for now

#### I Want You 4ever

when it starts i'm terrified that you're too much for me but still i feel like i want you 4ever i want you 4ever i want you 4ever baby, i want you 4ever oh oh oh is it wrong to want what i can't have? is it wrong to want you? and i'm still here through it all you make chills, you make thrills i feel like i want you 4ever i want you 4ever i want you 4ever baby, i want you 4ever oh oh oh is it wrong to want what i can't have? is it wrong to want you? and i want to feel like that, i want to feel like this right now i feel like i want you 4ever i want you 4ever i want you 4ever baby, i want you 4ever oh oh oh is it wrong to want what i can't have? is it wrong to want you? is it wrong to want what i can't have? is it wrong to want you?

# I Wish, I Want, I Am

Today
I could escape
I could become someone better
But I'm standing here watching
from the end of the road,
watching the chariot disappear
ever
so
slowly
until suddenly it's gone

What are the steps to fulfill a dream? Why are they so hard to climb? Why are their mysteries wrapped up so tightly and why am I even alive?

Keeping miracles hidden up my sleeve Oh, tell me what's worse than that? Trying and hoping for a thought that could never be Running and covering no distance Leaving my heart in the dust but still I'm here, for some reason A reason I can't describe

What are the steps to fulfill a dream? Why are they so hard to climb? Why are their mysteries wrapped up so tightly and why am I even alive?

In the darkness in a parallel reality I reach for a dream Is the dream smoke or a tangible idea? Is it time for me to fulfill it?

What are the steps to fulfill a dream? Why are they so hard to climb? Why are their mysteries wrapped up so tightly and why am I even alive?

I'm trying harder now, aim for the sky Living something different from yesterday Take a wish made of shavings and turn it to wood Build your own house made of dreams

What are the steps to fulfill a dream? Why are they so hard to climb? Why are their mysteries wrapped up so tightly and why am I even alive?

Dreams, possibilities they're not wasted on me I try and I scream from inside But I know someday this won't be in vain I wish. I want. I am.

# If Only

If only,
They would just disappear
If only.
I wish,
I was gone
I wish.
I want,
A different life
I want.
If only
I wished
For something different
If only
I want
An unreality

### If You Could

If you could dive like a penguin... You could dive off of a triple-high diving board

If you could jump like a cat... You could jump off of a rooftop and land on your feet

If you could have nine lives like a cat... You could kill yourself eight times And live

If you could swing like a monkey... You could beat every other creature in the world

If you could run like a cheetah... You could be chased by seven million hunters and never get caught

If you could know what the earth thought and wanted You could make me happy for life

### I'll Be Gone

I will be gone Before you Can't you see me running away I can't control Without you But I neéd to leave anyway Cause there's a world I haven't seen And there are places I haven't been There are sounds I haven't heard But then again, then And I'll be gone Before you Can't you see me running away I can't control Without you But I need to leave anyway

#### I'll Be Your Ears

I'll be your ears you be my eyes I'll be your sound you be my sight

You complete me Your broken code links to mine You destroy me I'm hanging by a lifeline

I make you real, I let you fly I float above your sun With wings that make you mine

We are both flawed Our imperfections let us live We are all flawed We all have something to give

We're a symmetrical skyline Singing until morning is the past again Love is tangible and we fly We dance with dreams again

Just a heartbeat masks the sound of the sight I have lost

Just a life makes it worth it, the sounds you cannot hear

I'll be your ears you be my eyes I'll be your sound you be my sight

We'll catch each other when we fall We'll love blindly, knowing everything and yet nothing at all

# I'll Tell You Why

Running far away without taking one step I don't want to stay here Probably made too many memories for my own good

But darlin' you're like water You're the one that I want The one that I need...

And I'll tell you I'll tell you why When I laugh I know it's cause of you And when I think I think of you...

For the rest of time I'll try to hide but what's the point

You own me My life, my every move

And I'll tell you
I'll tell you why
When I laugh
I know it's cause of you
And when I think
I think of you...

I can't keep from missing you, Keep from thinking of us

Leaving has been the hardest thing I've ever done

And I'll tell you
I'll tell you why
When I laugh
I know it's cause of you
And when I think
I think of you...

My head isn't mine anymore It's so far away lost on the open sea

Taken away by the tide

But maybe it's better that way won't have to feel anymore

And I'll tell you
I'll tell you why
When I laugh
I know it's cause of you
And when I think
I think of you
Oh, I think of you
I think of you...

### In A Word

How to say it in a word it's impossible

How to capture the things I feel when I'm with you

How to form my entire life into a sentence

How to feel something they won't ever feel

How to carry on with life when I'm broken

How to live with this burden that I'm carrying

How to fix your pretty face with just music

How to love with just words on a page

How to know in my heart that I'm aching

How I'm aching it doesn't compare to anything

How to say it in a word it's impossible

How to realize in a day that I love you

# In My Eyes

You look in the mirror...
You're guilty
And disloyal
Sunken
And shallow
Tragic
And sad

But in my eyes
Everything's different
In my eyes
You're unique
In my eyes
You're everything to me
In my eyes
You're beautiful

In your eyes You're jealous And torn Apart And pleading Reprimanded And weak

But in my eyes
Everything's different
In my eyes
You're unique
In my eyes
You're everything to me
In my eyes
You're beautiful

When you look in the mirror
You don't see the things I do
Don't believe it
Don't believe it
Don't believe it
Don't believe it
Don't let them keep you
Don't let them change you
Don't let them wreck you
Don't let them change your mind...
Or mine
You're beautiful
In my eyes

'Cause in my eyes Everything's different In my eyes You're unique In my eyes You're everything to me In my eyes You're beautiful

# in the dark (today is the universe)

Promises
what sense do they make
It's better to live
like today is the universe
Disconnected days, weeks, months, years
they're all part of something
But not the same...

And in the dark, baby
I'll catch you off your guard
In the dark, baby
I'll win your fragile heart
In the dark, baby
Make sure you can't fight
In the dark, baby
And I'll steal you until it's light

Today is the universe in the dark I know Today is the universe some nights we'll take it slow

In the dark, baby
I'll catch you off your guard
In the dark, baby
I'll win your fragile heart
In the dark, baby
Make sure you can't fight
In the dark, baby
And I'll steal you until it's light

A blanket of stars
a galaxy proven
What am I doing
and is it working
A hundred and one hopes
a universe fits into
one day
What am I doing

In the dark, baby
I'll catch you off your guard
In the dark, baby
I'll win your fragile heart
In the dark, baby
Make sure you can't fight
In the dark, baby
And I'll steal you until it's light

Yesterday was the Milky Way tomorrow is something else I don't know what

But today is the universe live it like we make it

In the dark, baby
I'll catch you off your guard
In the dark, baby
I'll win your fragile heart
In the dark, baby
Make sure you can't fight
In the dark, baby
And I'll steal you until it's light

# In Too Deep

This is how it begins
One day, one smile
One laugh, I hope
you'll stay for a while
I took my chance
I love this high
It seems you're in this too
and I'm wondering why

I'm in too deep
to give up now
This is much too strong
to wonder how
We can break free
I don't want to
I'm in too deep
I'm too in love with you

I'm still so young reminded every day How this isn't real it's not love, in any way Right now your path it's going nowhere I watch your back how can you not care

I'm in too deep
to give up now
This is much too strong
to wonder how
We can break free
I don't want to
I'm in too deep
I'm too in love with you

Is this okay are you in it too Some days I wonder if you have a clue But you lead me on there's nothing I can do Anymore, I'm hooked a magnet to you...

I'm in too deep
to give up now
This is much too strong
to wonder how
We can break free
I don't want to
I'm in too deep

I'm too in love with you Maya Hanson (mye3 poet) www.PoemHunter.com - The World's Poetry Archive 129

#### Is That All

Is that all you care about making people feel like the ugliest thing in the world

Is that all you were made for causing evil and hurt

Keep my eyes on the floor you don't surrender won't ever leave me alone

I feel like there's no one left in this world who cares about me

I feel like you're someone I shouldn't be with but I beg to disagree

And still you won't ever leave me alone

Is that your whole goal in life is that all your dreams hold is that what you wish for with every candle

To make me feel like nothing nothing, i know nothing ever comes of it nothing ever does

And still and still you won't ever leave me alone

# **Just For A Day**

You have no idea what it's like To be the oldest No idea what it's like To be exiled You have no idea what it's like To be unnoticed No idea what it's like To be me So I suggest you put on my mask For a while Just for a year, for a month For a day So you can see What it's like To be me You can finally feel My positions Feel your weakness In times like mine How your feelings compress All together When you don't say anything, But hang your head

### **Just To Please Her**

You talk to me you give me gifts and you do all of this just to please her

But when you get the chance, you rush off to meet them... the other girls that your mother doesn't like

Because I'm familiar to her, we were best friends

I can't count on you anymore you blow us off and I hope again and again

But you let me down and you stay here just to please her and I see you laughing and I turn away and I don't want this not at all but I put up with it and I don't say anything

and now I write.

# King of the Jungle

Let them be as squirrels, timid and hiding in their hollow trees, hoarding a supply of nuts as winter comes. Let them be as squirrels, skittish and alert as they cross the deserted road, trusting only each other and the natural world.

I'd rather be a lion, rearing as I stand on the mountaintop, controlling the world as I let loose my roar. I'd rather be a lion, king of the jungle, snarling and racing and always winning, roaring my roar.

I'm the one sparking fear, not the one feeling it.
I'm the one controlling, not the one being controlled.
Confident and strong,
I stand tall on the mountaintop.

I'd rather be a lion.

#### **Kiss You**

There's something I keep hidden When I stay by your side The universe is unfolding Just the way it should

But I'm not sure anymore I lie opened on the sand When you tell me to kiss you

And when I
Kiss you
It feels like I'm flying away
Away from this house
Away from this town
Away from this world...

Oh, I probably should face the truth You're not coming back We're not coming back at all

But when you told me to kiss you I had no idea when You would leave me stranded Trying to find my necessities Water sun and you

And when I
Kiss you
It feels like I'm flying away
Away from this house
Away from this town
Away from this world...

You guessed my password I failed to stop you

You came and took me Not meaning to let go

You guessed my password and I kissed you back

### hard

When you tell me to kiss you It feels like I'm flying away Away from this house Away from this town Away from this world...

I'm Flying away Forever Farther away I let my guard down

I'm Flying away Forever Farther away As I Kiss you

And when I
When I
Kiss you
It feels like I'm flying away
Away from this house
Away from this town
Away from this world...

There's something I keep hidden When I Kiss you

#### **Know**

I know one thing
In millions of time...
I don't know you
but I miss you
Like you're mine

Chorus
But I know nothing if not love
When I'm here with you
I know nothing if not love
when you're within ten miles
End chorus

I know two things
In millions of time...
You're not here
And I don't know you
but I miss you
Like you're mine

Chorus
But I know nothing if not love,
living in this world
I know nothing if not love
Raised on an angel's wings
End chorus

I know three things
In millions of time...
You're always in the back of my mind, but
You're not here
And I don't know you
but I miss you
Like you're mine

Chorus
I know nothing if not love
Throughout the years of my life
I know nothing if not love
I don't know you
but I miss you
Like you're mine
I know nothing if not love
When you're talking to me
End chorus

And I know that I don't know you but I Love you Like you're mine I know, I know Know I know, I know Know Maya Hanson (mye3 poet)

# **Last of My Memories**

This should be the last of my memories
But it's not, and I'll take the blame
I can't let go of the moment
when I leapt from there to here
From you to somewhere, something, someone else

Reaching for a thing I couldn't have why does the world move like this Out to get me
While I cross a forbidden space it pulls at me with bitter claws

Why does my mind have to trick me into thinking you're someone you're not Someone who could maybe love me, given time But reality has distorted itself in my mind

Racing through the days you set me free... Falling asleep thinking about what could be... Living as if we didn't have anything else to do...

I can't give up these last few memories of you

# Laughing

Laughing is not only the best medicine It creates my entire existence. It protects the angels It controls the demons It frees the bird inside me.

Laughing
I'm not alone
it keeps the danger
at bay.
Laughing
is set in stone
a charm against
my insecurity.

Laughing
makes me feel like
a different person
but still me all the same...
Laughing
I don't understand
but I'm not afraid of storms
I'm learning how
to sail my ship.

Laughing is my copilot Laughing is my ship's crew Laughing you're always beside me.

Laughing is not only the best medicine It creates my entire existence.

#### Leave Me In The Wind

You leave me in the wind and drive away
I look at you, cold coloring my face
I must've known as you went your separate way
That you were leaving a world that would've vanished anyway

You left me in the cold, I'm casting blame
On you and your ever-hateful ways
And I'm not claiming anymore that I knew I had to stay
But I had to live without you past that day

Now I look down and sigh from day to day Wondering if you hadn't left me, what would change But I'm dreaming of a future where I claim A world of enjoying life without you today

I can't say I'm impressed now And I know, I know I'm judging you But it's not like you don't deserve it

I can't say I'm sleeping peaceful now But I know, I know I made the right choice Living without you all that time

I can't say I'm happy now And I know, I know you're somewhere out there with some other girl Begging the same thing that you begged of me

Oh, but I'm here today And I thank you at least for that Cause if you stayed I probably would've left But if I left you wouldn't have stayed anyway

So I lay down my burden At his side tonight Hoping that you look down from far away And you see it playing in my head again...

You left me in the wind and drove away
I watched you, the cold coloring my face
I must've known as you went your separate way
That we would have vanished anyway

### **Let Them Fall**

You've gotta admit my hope was high I wanted to feel closer than I ever had before...

So I let hope fall
I let it fall
Now I don't want anyone at all
I let my hope forever fall
And remember how it feels again
To be nobody's friend

You've gotta admit I had high hopes I was trying my hardest to coax You to come closer...
You to come closer...
You've gotta admit I had high hopes And I let them fall I let them fall Though I don't want anyone at all I let my hope forever fall And remember how it feels again To be nobody's friend

I just let them fall Just let them fall I let them fall Just let them fall

# **Losing You**

Spying on you Makes me wonder why And when I wonder why, For just a moment I understand What you're trying to say Through words And dreams But then I lose the thought Lose it, Lose you Spying on you Makes me wonder why And when I wonder why For just a second I understand What you're trying to tell me What I'm trying to tell you Through thoughts And friendship But then I lose the thought Lose it, Lose you Spying on you Makes me wonder why

### **Love Me Blind**

Love me baby Love me blind In the space behind your eyes

Melt me baby In my mind I will remember another lost time

Take me baby Like you're mine Or I'm chasing you for nothing

Kiss me baby I won't mind When I fall into your arms

Love me baby Love me blind When you arrive in my dreams

#### **Love Potion**

Chorus I'll brew you a love potion Even if it takes me five days Five days would certainly be worth All this pain you've secretly been giving me But you didn't know it End chorus I'll wait for you by the fireside Even if it takes me all night All night would certainly be worth Getting rid of this pain you've secretly been giving me But you didn't know it I'll brew you a love potion Even if it takes me five days Five days would certainly be worth All this pain you've secretly been giving me But you didn't know it I'll sit with you, alone there Sharing stories and trading laughs Those laughs would all be worth This pain you've secretly been giving me But you didn't know it I'll brew you a love potion Even if it takes me five days Five days would certainly be worth All this pain you've secretly been giving me But you didn't know it Later on we'll sit there, old as dust And you'll wish you could have willed me away But I'll hold you close as we die These days would certainly be worth All this pain you've secretly been giving me But you didn't know it I'll brew you a love potion Even if it takes me five days Five days would certainly be worth All this pain you've secretly been giving me But you didn't know it At the end of life I'll wish to bring Those old days back from the dead Relive them over and over again When I brewed you that love potion And it took me five days Five days were certainly worth All that pain you blasted me with But you didn't know it And now you know it It's too late, you fell in love You fell in love potion Like the one I brewed for you

# Lucky

We never look down but we know we're luckier than them Lucky Lucky

We can't go back we're changing our lives in the luckiest way Lucky Lucky

Lucky, lucky Lucky, lucky girls

Won't give up saving the future One lucky moment at a time Lucky Lucky

Won't you join us Keep us together as we put our luck to use Lucky Lucky

Lucky, lucky Lucky, lucky girls

But let me ask you this-What use does luck have if you're blind, if you're shy, if you're terrified?

What use does luck have if you don't want to be the lucky one, if you're standing on the sidelines?

### Maybe...

"Maybe..."
What a word!
Maybe
it's absurd
But I might
not be crazy after all

Maybe
this is meant to be
Maybe
I will suddenly
change and decide
to catch you when you fall

But maybe it's a dream gone by Maybe you're my butterfly I might have caught you but now you're gone

Maybe I will try to love you Maybe I will never hurt you But maybe promises are just maybes after all-

Maybe? Maybe...

# **Mixed-up Song**

Jack Sprat could eat no fat His wife could eat no Little lamb, little lamb It followed her to Red Robin. Yum! And crossed the street In the middle, in the middle Of the hole in the bucket Dear Liza, dear Liza There's a hole in the bucket Dear Liza, on the clock And the party ain't stopping No-o-o-oh! No-o-o-oh! But the party don't start til Trale Lewous walks in... Hey, it's me. Trale Lewous. People have been eating since medieval times Colors were invented in the 1950s If the 1950s and medieval times had a baby, it would be Skitells. Skitells are. Really good. Fruit salad, yummy yummy It makes me dance like a fool, forget that Old King Cole was a merry old soul And a merry old soul was he He called for his pipe and he called for his bowl And he makes me Feel like I'm livin' a Teenage dream The way he turns me on I can't sleep Let's run away and p-p-poker face p-p-poker face I wanna hold 'em like they do in Texas please So no no no baby no no no don't lie Stop sstop stop stop lying Na na na na na na-a. Na na na na na na-a. U-u, u-u, u-u, undo it! The end.

# **More Than Everything**

I want to find a heart worth more than everything In a world so dark without you around how impossible will it be

And you said
I love you more
than everything
Just to live a
minute here,
it makes my day

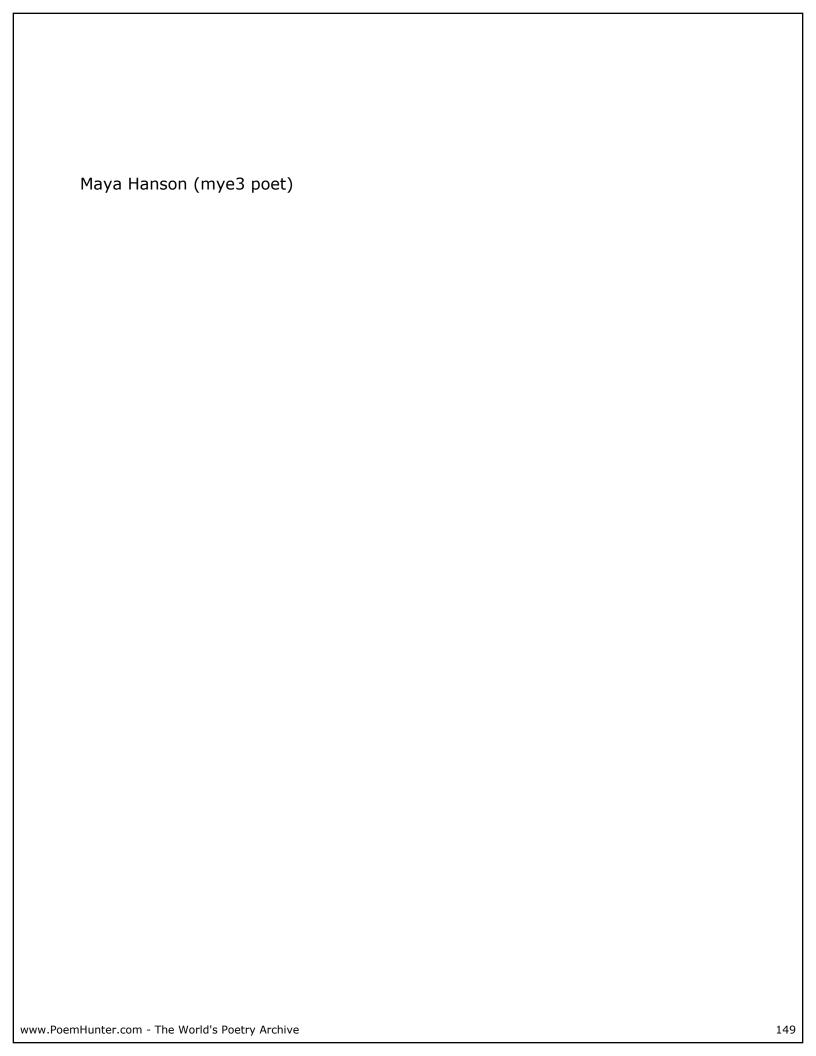
I keep looking
my desire is
more than everything
I run so slow
I stay so still
I can't believe
anything said to me

And you said
I love you more
than everything
Just to live a
minute here,
it makes my day

I have never
Heard anything better
Than that
I have never
Wanted you more
than that

And I can't control
the waterfall
springing up from my lungs
The snow is falling
not five feet away
But in my heart
it's a fresh summer night
Warm and brisk and beautiful

And you said
I love you more
than everything
Just to live a
minute here,
it's intoxication



### My Flaw

You are my flaw
My twist, my fear
I don't know what I'd do without you
I cry out loud
don't seem to hear
You're somewhere far away

I don't know what
I'm doing here
Will you ever
Simply stay
The sky, the stars
I'm watching disappear
I don't know why but I need this

You are my flaw
My twist, my fear
You're my Achilles heel
You're one of the ones
I won't forget
in a lifetime of trying

You are my soul You carry a part of me with you You are my fire a touch of you- I'm ablaze

Why do you not mirror me Why can't you love Is your love gone Should I just leave

But that's impossible What does it mean to need someone What does it mean to fall in love

I've fallen in love so many times it feels like something ordinary

I've kissed so many times it feels like a reoccurring minute

Why does anyone

ever cry Why is it a truth Why does anyone ever make love Is it a flaw or something beautiful

Why does anyone ever fall in love It's a mystery

### My Land

This is my land Calm and quiet This is my land Come and try it

This is my land No contradicting This is my land Everything living

This is my land Everything together This is my land We sing in good weather

This is my land Everything's connected This is my land Nothing's tethered... Yet

This is my land
It's getting darker
This is my land
Vanished
Beside usNot just me,
Us
If you want my land to change,
Our land has to change first
If we work together
We can bring my land back

# My Name is Love (Witch Doctor's Downfall)

My friend the witch doctor He fell in love with you Faster than a witch doctor should ever want to do

And he sang oooo I'll never fall in love with you But oooo He's already in love with you

Even witch doctors with their magic and trickery Can fall off the cliff and give their souls to me

My name is Love I control your fate My name is Love I'm never a mistake

My name is Love A witch doctor's downfall My name is Love Please answer my call

When you're in the depths of despair, no return That's when I'm most likely to appear

When your tears fill a mountain with whispers of a last life That's when I'm most friendly to you

My name is Love A witch doctor's downfall My name is Love Please answer my call

### My Second Soul

When we look around
Everyone always says,
Is she your sister?
But what's funny
Is that we don't look anything alike
She has black hair, I have brown
She has dark eyes, I have hazel-blue
She has olive skin, I have light
When she wears a dress, I wear shorts
When her face shows exactly what she's thinking,
Mine doesn't show my thoughts at all
And yet here we are
With everyone saying
Is she your sister?
But what's funny
Is that we don't act anything alike
When she is friendly,
I stay back and don't say anything

### My Sister

Staying up late sitting in your bedroom making the wall shake on purpose and watching Ryan and D-Trix videos

Laughing our heads off sitting in the sun at the Minnesota beaches where we grew up

Shaking it on the dance floor with Ben, Joe, and Julia Oh, I knew when you left a while you'd never leave me for good

Sitting at the kitchen table after school playing music till our ears hurt and singing along

On the trampoline in the summertime spending all day careless and free

Playing games for hours you groaning the whole time laughing at our mother in her coat, scarf, and gloves

Open Gym on the weekends playing saddle the horse going for a hundred and one and making it look easy

Falling in love...
oh, the falling in love...
and never getting to hear
what we wanted to

Dreaming our dreams in the uneventful suburbs going to Juilliard and the big city living on a farm, the cat lady without the crazy

Dreaming our dreams
Imagining the impossible
And laughing our heads off the whole time
Living our memories

# **My Words Sting**

The more I say the more I laugh My words sting your heart Like a piercing blade Or sticking your hand out the window going eighty miles an hour in the freezing rain Like rocks being pitched at your faraway mind As I snap at you My heart breaks, same as yours My words sting... break while spoken Me and you But there will soon be no Me and you My words sting My words sting you and I laugh While your words freeze before they reach your open mouth I laugh again and my heart stops breaking As I move from good to evil Light to dark, it's now or never and my words sting

#### **Name Love Another Name**

I want to
Name myself another name
Name myself someone I've never been
That way I can be
Different than I am now
That way I can forget
All I've been
Name myself another name

I want to
Name you another name
Name you someone I've never known
That way you can be
Gone from my memory
Vanished in a way that I never could
That way I can
Forget all about you
and the trouble you bring
Name you another name

I want to
Name love another name
Name love something I've never had,
never felt for anyone,
not even you
That way I can
Deny ever loving you
Deny the thing we had
Yesterday I was someone else,
You were someone else,
Love was something else
than it means to me now

I want to
Change the name of love
But it wouldn't work
That which we call a rose
by any other name
would surely smell as sweet,
But it's not like you're Romeo
and I'm Juliet
I don't want to be that
to you

I want to
Name myself another name
Name myself into the future
That way I can
Take over someone else's body
with my own mind
That way I can forget
all the things I felt

when I was me Name myself another name

I want to
Name you another name
Name you someone I've forgotten about
already forgotten
That way I can
Live a new life
without having to be haunted
That way I can forget
everything we had

I want to
Name love another name
Name love something I've never had,
never felt for anyone,
not even you,
but you don't exist,
you have another name now
That way I can realize
I'm a completely different person
That way I can start again
After all,
Secrets are born to show
And I don't want you haunting mine

Solve all my problems and Name myself another name Name you another name Name love another name...

#### **Never Be**

Now that the sky has no real meaning The clouds have come in and taken over There's no difference between the violet horizon and the deep blue above

I wonder and wonder
Do you even miss me
Singin' to the peak of the rooftops
Oh

It's not worth the time or the trouble I realize suddenly
But I know I'll keep wondering till you come back here...
It's worth the time and the trouble to me

And I stand here singin'
It's the biggest irony
Singing about not singing
Or not singing about singing...
What's the difference
It's just me...

No, I'll never be Till you come back to me And I'll never sing Till you're here

Remembering is agony but it's all I can do Keeping freedom caged up in my spare room Shining over the Ocean that's empty now

And I'll never be Till you come back to me And I'll never sing Till you're here

Through all these days I live by your memory A ghost is my lazy lifestyle I tune in to the world, to my feelings A ghost takes over my soul...

Oh, I know I'll never be Till you come back to me And I'll never sing Till you're here

No, I'll never sing again Till you're here

#### **Next To Mine**

There's a girl I know Her locker's right next to mine She treats me like last week's trash and no one says anything

She kicks my things like they're not there or worse
She ignores it and parades by like the queen of the school
I'm tired of being known as "the quiet girl" Everyone hurting me without hesitation

I keep happy
my friends don't ask
because I tell them not to
Shoulders sagging
I walk through the front doors
knowing but not knowing
what will happen today

And everyone tells me that it will get better, but it never does

### Not the Girl I Used to Be

Tall, skinny, with a shy smile And standin' on the sidelines That's the girl I used to be But I'm inching closer to the middle of the game Laughing with wild friends And dancing at parties... I'm wilder, freer I finally have a name I'm the girl who laughs The girl who listens The carefree girl but not too loud The laughing girl with the spring in her step Not the girl I used to be So now I want to be one of "Them", Not somewhere where I won't be found... I think "Them" will save me, "Them" will hear me out But "You" are better! Tell me that, assure me So I don't turn to "Them"...because I'm wilder, freer I finally have a name I'm thé girl who laughs The girl who listens The carefree girl but not too loud The laughing girl with the spring in her step Not the girl I used to be

# nothing at all

What do you get when you try to help her? Nothing, absolutely nothing at all What do you get when you turn to her side? Nothing, absolutely nothing at all Nothing at all

### **Nothing's Certain**

Confusion is all that's gotten into me These past few days, remembering

I'm a lover not a Fighter, I'm just trying to escape

But am I insane? I can't be sure Nothing's certain in this world

You think I smile, but I'm just thinking How beyond the sky there's nothing

It's as if you fell onto this earth Rapid fire, pain

But are you real? I Can't be sure Nothing's certain in this world

I love your mind I love your dreams I love your talent spread your wings

I love your smile
I love your laugh
I love your silent scream
as I walk on past

But do I love you? I can't be sure Nothing's certain in this world

I love the way you say my name I love your thoughts on everything

But do I love you? I can't be sure

Nothing's certain in this world Maya Hanson (mye3 poet)

#### **Obstacles**

You never know where you're going to land Because we can't count the slopes of a circle That gestures, stop Don't go on Is there someone behind it, or is it harmless? Is the advice that it gives really worth the risk?

# Octopish

Octopish swim
All day long
In their schools
All different colors
They can be
They have 8 fins
And they love
To say "Smim"
And one of them looks like me.

# On My Own

I watch I watch you leave My heart, it's breaking And I know I know I'm on my own

And where will you go next? Another city, a different place And where will I be then?

### **On Sunday It Rained**

Right now, I keep telling myself that I will have hope It will bloom and grow I will keep it up, I will raise it yet again Then on Sunday it will shine But I never learn to stop taking risks Even without luck So I have hope It blooms and grows I keep it up, I raise it yet again But then on Sunday it rains, doesn't shine Like I always thought it would But I never learn So I still have hope After all these years I keep it up, I raise it yet again But then on Sunday it rains, no sign of shining Anytime soon I still haven't learned, so I used to have hope It bloomed and grew I kept it up, I raised it yet again But then On Sunday it rained... It can be good that I never learn Because One Sunday it shined

#### On the Borderline

Why can't I just be
Who I want to be?
Why do I always have to be
Standing on this borderline
I'm on the borderline
Of me
Always on that middle ground
Between reserved and outspoken
Between mysterious and stripped bare
Between full of secrets...and not
On the borderline
Between myself and someone else
Why do I have to be
on the borderline
Why can't I just be me?

### **One Day**

One day I painted with the wind One day I made the colors spin One day I cried One day I broke my mother's trust One day I couldn't see the lust One day I lied One day I stared out on the lake One day I left flowers in my wake One day I tried One day I called her my dear One day I ran up the stairs in tears One day I died

One day I died

#### **One More Chance**

I stand there and watch
as you drive away
If only you saw
in your rearview mirror
that I was walking toward you
instead of walking away
But you have twisted vision
Finally
I see that now

I have a wish
A dream
as to which way you're headed
But all we can leave it up to is chance
My eyes see you coming towards me
because that's what I want to see
It's like a double image
but reality is left up to
Give or keep
Want or need
Lose or lie
Live or die
Chance...
the only thing that can decide

If only
what you saw in your mirror
was what I agreed with
what I wanted too
If only
I wanted a different vision
Playing out in front of me,
one that didn't
Steal my heart or
Control me this much
Chance
the one thing I rely on

My hope left up to chance
It's gone
after a single opportunity
Is it sad
that I would give that hope
one more chance
It's not right,
but if the moment was given
for me to make a decision
Put on the spot,
the pressure isn't yielding
When will I be free of this
But if that moment was given
I would give you

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### **Only Chance**

I've always believed in so many lives sewn together like a string of pearls I'm trying to get as many chances as I can But for once one chance is maybe enough

This is the only chance I have This is the only chance I have This is the only chance I have to say something

Forever
is too long
to breathe this air
I want to live
with what I have
without worrying about more time
I'm exhausting my weak limbs
Time is the least of my worries

This is the only life I need This is the only life I need This is the only life I need to be with you

It's hard to think about, but we share a universe
We live in the same city,
We breathe the same
rich
air
But the stars haven't aligned to keep us together
We are different suns
galaxies
worlds

You are the only one I want You are the only one I want You are the only one I want that's all I know

A heartache holds the universe, the same one

you call your own A million words I can't say hold me down... I'm Atlas trying to hold up the sky

This is the only chance I have This is the only chance I have This is the only chance I have to know everything, say something, do this thing I've been longing to do

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### **Onomatopoeia**

Boom as thunder cracks outside, the cats hide under the bed

Crash as a glass hits the floor in the kitchen

Rip as we're having a pillow fight, we crack up laughing...

Onomatopoeia

Squish as ketchup squirts on our potatoes

Ha as we keep a game of golf running in the basement

Crack as a racket hits the wall...

Onomatopoeia

Meow as it gets closer to nine in the morning, three fuzzy heads on the countertop

Jingle as we pull the feather toy, tauntingly

Scritch as my pen follows the words across the page...

Onomatopoeia

Ow as I twist my wrist doing round-off back handsprings

Roar as we watch the lion pacing in his cage

Tick as students watch the clock, waiting impatiently for the bell to ring...

Onomatopoeia

#### oops

"oh, it was an accident i didn't mean to hurt you" how many times have i heard that... i can't count too many and i think yeah, right you're not sorry and never will be you'll always leave me hanging on that single thread hanging onto one hope you're not sorry and never will be screaming through my window you're not sorry and now my words pay you back... oops, it was an accident i didn't mean to hurt you and laughing out into the darkness send a doveno, you're not worthy of a dovea pigeon? a crow? a vulture? perfect, a vulture send a vulture to take a whisper to you of how much i'm hurting maybe that will teach you givé you a taste of yourself and i'm disgusted again and again again and again and again again and again and again and again... oops

### **Over Again**

In heaven you rest, but In heaven you're unsatisfied I would risk my life And all those I hold close To let you soar over and over And over again, come back down And live your life again, Over and over And over again A redo of all those phases Where you shut me out, out of your life A chance, another chance for everything This is a chance you won't pass up Over and over And over again Another chance with all those days And weeks, and months, and years Another hour, minute, second I'll hold things out of your way Over and over And over again Trust breaks, trust drops Trustworthy friend standing by your side As you live your life over and over And over again

#### **Over Me**

Please
Look down on me
As you silence the rest
I hope
You're standing over me
As I attempt to fix this mess
I'm just trying
To be here
I'm just trying
To be real
And you know
When you look
Over me

They desolate me subconsciously
As I try to sway those things called tears
They started it all
I'm starting to fade away
They stomp on me
With their ratty high-heeled boots
It feels like fire
But you love me
And look
Over me

I don't want to give you a name Though you already have one Because they leave you a name The ones who banish you A name Would make you real And I'm afraid of that But for now, I'll just reach you in my mind Secretly, As you stand Over me

And I know That you watch Over me

### **Perhaps Love Is Like A Dream**

Perhaps love is like a dream hidden in the shadows Perhaps love is like a dream dancing in the cold wind

Is it real
Is it something
I can touch

Or is it a dream in my mind between the lines out of the corner of my eye

Perhaps love is like a dream a storm deep in the woods Perhaps love is like a dream a burst of emotion broke a wall

Maybe love's not for me how should I know Maybe it's just a dream buried deep in the winter snow

I'm forgetting a move that was made a long time ago
The rain closed in and I thought alone...
Perhaps love is like a dream

Perhaps love is like a dream protected by the evergreen trees Perhaps love is like a dream belonging only to me

## **Playing It Safe**

Everyone is dancing talking, playing throwing poppers on the ground shooting Roman candles into the sky and searching for parachutes

But I keep my distance Fireworks hurt they burn your fingers when you get too close

Scene changes Running on the rooftops along the side of the rollercoaster Exhilaration

But it's going too fast I can't keep up I let my hands drop, I let myself slow Keep playing it safe it's the best way it's the only way

Keep playing it safe
I'm just along for the ride
The thrill isn't worth the fight
Fireworks hurt,
I'm always blamed
and mistakes can never be changed

Ready?
Fire!
Aim
Got something to tell you, boys
Planning last doesn't work out
That's why I took the safe route
why I never leave my tower
why I keep playing it safe

Keep playing it safe
I'm just along for the ride
The thrill isn't worth the fight
Fireworks hurt when you
ready, fire, aim
and mistakes can never be changed

#### **Please**

Can't understand you and your rules and definitely don't want them I get where you're comin' from, But it's my generation and you assume stereotypes, when it's only one out of a hundred. But I don't want to be like them, the one out of a hundred... I don't want to be Snappin', hurtin' Backstabbin' And if they ask me why I'll say I'm busy... Makin' friends, forgettin' enemies Makin' life last Trust me, please I don't want to be like them It's too late to find me I'm lost in the woods But please, Mama, come back for me I'm not tryin' to make mistakes, Not ever or forever You were like me too once Makin' friends, forgettin' enemies Makin' life last Trust me, please I don't want to be like them They're just Forgettin' friends, makin' enemies Forgettin' life for now And there's no trusting us And there's no turning back But that's just a stereotype, It's a One out of a hundred I don't want to be like them And if they ask me why I'll say I'm busy... Makin' friends, forgettin' enemies Makin' life last Trust me, please

### **Power Of Love**

What is the power of love I can't have I feel it under my skin

Now I'm making a promise I may not keep, be warned This love I can't have This love I don't believe in

What is the power of things I desire Temptation is reeling me in

He comes, stands beside me I don't dare to hope for what I hold close to my heart

What is the power of just you and me Nothing compared to the world

But I'm aching inside for this one recollection of a time that came before

What is the power of love I can't have I feel it under my skin

So many promises, down under the earth full of hatred But think...how so many are kept

## **Pretty**

You're too pretty for this place Too busy feeling to come face to face Too full of pride to break down in front of me

You're too pretty for this place Too pure of heart to look this way Too naïve to notice me I'll just keep sitting in your sea

I'll hold your hand I'll count to ten A drawn-out mess Until the end

I'll hold your hand Have I ever let you down Have I ever left you Catch your breath and Count to ten

You're too pretty for this place Too pure of heart to look this way Too naïve to notice me I'll just keep sitting in your sea

Find the sun in the sky The truth in a lie The love in a life...

And I know
I'll just keep singing
till you're gone
I'll just keep humming
the same song
To infinity
it's just a life
This is not my end
My breath still flies

## Queen on the Throne

It's at times like these when I miss you the most It's at times like these when I wish I was home Look into the past but I know I can't change it So I push back my fears and jump without realizing it

A world of evil, a world of disarray That's what would happen if we let it all fall away And he spoke like a liar the sound I know best But I tricked myself into thinking he's better than the rest

It's at times like these when I miss you the most It's at times like these when I wish I was home Look into the past but I know I can't change it So I push back my fears and jump without realizing it

I'm in midair, falling hanging tight to the sling It's holding me to reality I'm almost lost from everything But I trust it to hold as I hurtle down the slope My fingers are numb love tangled in my throat

It's at times like these when I miss you the most It's at times like these when I wish I was home Look into the past but I know I can't change it So I push back my fears and jump without realizing it

It's taking a chance in a whirlwind day It's climbing a mountain in an effortless way to reach the top my heart pushes on The wizard of goodness

the queen on the throne

It's at times like these when I miss you the most It's at times like these when I wish I was home Look into the past but I know I can't change it So I push back my fears and jump without realizing it

# Quotes for 2014 (part 1)

A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools. -Douglas Adams, writer

Active imaginations are rarer than they seem.

Always keep your mind as bright and clear as the vast sky, the great ocean, and the highest peak, empty of all thoughts. Always keep your body filled with light and heat. Fill yourself with the power of wisdom and enlightenment. -Morihei Ueshiba, actress

Be less curious about people and more curious about ideas. -Marie Curie, chemist

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. -Mark Twain, writer

Everything in this room is eatable. Even I'm eatable...but that is called cannibalism, my dear children, and is in fact frowned upon in most societies. -Johnny Depp, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Genius is more often found in a cracked pot than in a whole one. -E.B. White, writer

I am only as strong as the chocolate I eat, the hair spray I use, and the friends I have.

I have been up against tough competition all my life. I wouldn't know how to get along without it. -Walt Disney, cartoonist/inventor

I have seen the future and it's like the present, only longer. -Henry Quisenberry

I was taught that the way of progress was neither swift nor easy. -Marie Curie, chemist

I'm little, but I love big things. -Lorrie Fair, athlete

If I decide to be an idiot, then I'll be an idiot on my own accord. -Johann Sebastian Bach, musician

It is a mistake to think you can solve any major problems just with potatoes. -Douglas Adams, writer

It's quite nice to see that I didn't have to change who I was to reach two very different types of people. –Marc Jacobs, designer

Laughter is not only the best medicine, it has created my entire existence.

My role model is never seen without a smile on her face. And that is why she is my role model.

Not all who wander are lost. -J.R.R. Tolkien, writer

Reader, suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself. -Mark Twain, writer

The greatest thing that has ever happened to me hasn't happened yet.

The sweetest joy, the wildest woe is love. What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork. -Pearl Bailey, actress

Two dangers constantly threaten the world: order and disorder. -Paul Valery, poet

We loved with a love that was more than love. -Edgar Allan Poe, writer

When one ducks a challenge, the results are the same as failure. When one decides to meet it head on, one has seen the impossible.

You cannot belong to anyone else, until you belong to yourself. -Pearl Bailey, actress Maya Hanson (mye3 poet)

# Quotes for 2014 (part 2)

A crown, if it hurts us, is not worth wearing. -Pearl Bailey, actress

Adventure is worthwhile in itself. -Amelia Earhart, pilot

Analyzing humor is like dissecting a frog. Few people are interested and the frog dies of it. -E.B. White, writer

Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once. -William Shakespeare, playwright

Don't learn stuff to use now; learn stuff to use next time.

Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss. -Douglas Adams, writer

George Washington, as a boy, was ignorant of the commonest accomplishments of youth. He could not even lie. -Mark Twain, writer

I became insane, with long intervals of horrible sanity. -Edgar Allan Poe, writer

I have great faith in fools; self-confidence my friends call it. -Edgar Allan Poe, writer

I live halfway between reality and theater at all times. -Lady Gaga, singer

I would rather entertain and hope that people learned something than educate people and hope they were entertained. –Walt Disney, cartoonist/inventor

I was gratified to be able to answer promptly, and I did. I said I didn't know. -Mark Twain, writer

If we mean to have heroes, statesmen and philosophers, we should have learned women. -Abigail Adams, first lady

It's kind of fun to do the impossible. -Walt Disney, cartoonist/inventor

In the beginning, the universe was created. This made a lot of people very angry, and has been widely regarded as a bad idea. -Douglas Adams, writer

Life is wasted on the living. -Douglas Adams, writer

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow. -Mark Twain, writer

One sees clearly only with the heart; anything essential is invisible to the eyes. -Antoine de Saint-Exupery (The Little Prince)

Reality is frequently inaccurate. -Douglas Adams, writer

The man should not mention that it's impossible to the woman who is doing it.

To know what you know and what you do not know, that is true knowledge. -Confucius, philosopher

Um, yeah, I completely agree...I'm sorry, what exactly am I agreeing to again?

When I hear a meow, I know a new life is about to begin.

Women, like men, should try to do the impossible. And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to others. -Amelia Earhart, pilot

You don't realize how useful a therapist is until you see yourself and discover you have more problems than you ever dreamed of. -Claire Danes, actress

# Quotes for 2014 (part 3)

A man without ambition is dead. A man with ambition but no love is dead. A man with ambition and love for his blessings here on earth is ever so alive. -Pearl Bailey, actress

All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed. -Sean O'Casey, playwright

And for that, there is something I won't forget or regret. Something I will look back on and say, "Hey, there's me doing something stupid, but it came out good."

Do you look in the mirror and think, "Gosh, I'm definitely doing the right thing?"
Because I don't. I look in the mirror and wonder what the hell I'm doing with my life.

Everyone and everything has a path and a destination.

For a moment, nothing happened. Then, after a second or so, nothing continued to happen. -Douglas Adams, writer

Good things happen when you meet strangers. -Yo-Yo Ma, musician

I have a huge, active imagination, and I think I'm really scared of being alone; because if I'm left to my own devices, I'll just turn into a madwoman. -Claire Danes, actress

I have no dress except the one I wear every day. If you are going to be kind enough to give me one, please let it be practical and dark so that I can put it on afterwards to go to the laboratory. –Marie Curie, chemist

I think fish is nice, but then I think that rain is wet, so who am I to judge? -Douglas Adams, writer

I'm intimidated by the fear of being average. -Taylor Swift, singer

If it looks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, we have at least to consider the possibility that we have a small aquatic bird of the family anatidae on our hands. –Douglas Adams, writer

It is a bad idea to contradict yourself when you are making a presidential speech.

It's not that there are no masters, but that there are many. -Elena Kagan, judge

Laugh out loud. Then when people stare at you, laugh even louder.

Love is being stupid together. -Paul Valery, poet

No matter how nice the company one might be with, however, it is never pleasant to have a rifle pointed at one's back. -Meg Cabot, writer

Patriot: the person who can holler the loudest without knowing what he is hollering about. -Mark Twain, writer

Save your rejections so that later when you are famous you can show them to people and laugh. –Meg Cabot, writer

The most interesting information comes from children, for they tell all they know and then stop. -Mark Twain, writer

Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life. -Rachel Vail, writer

We have too many high-sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them. -Abigail Adams, first lady

When life hands you a lemon, say, "Oh, yeah, I like lemons. What else ya got?" -Henry Rollins, actor

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. -Mark Twain, writer Maya Hanson (mye3 poet)

## **Raindrop**

Why do raindrops conform to the crowd Why do they follów in each other's footsteps The first few tiny drops they're trailblazers finding patterns on the window glass But the rest they follow cause it's easier Falling faster sliding down crossing over roads already made Why is giving up individuality better than taking the risk of falling off the cliff Never understanding why they're following Is it better to copy hundreds of old paths Instead of making your own I watch them sliding down the slippery slope fast, then slow sure, then hesitant I'm trying to understand Why is giving up individuality better than taking the risk of falling off the cliff Am I supposed to try? All my life I've been trying Or should I be a raindrop Skimming the surface blindly continuing forever a follower I'm deciding when suddenly A raindrop comes forth This one is special it's keeping to the unbeaten paths Two roads diverged

in a yellow wood... Take the road less traveled by? No, it took the third road the one never traveled the one no one saw This one is a leader it has too many followers to count Its speeches given throughout the windowpane the small world it lives capture crowds listeners to spare There's no question who I want to be The rain has decided for me The window glass was a crowd of clones until this one came along This one carved its own path clearing the way for the raindrops behind it And there's no question who I want to be The rain has decided for me I'll be that raindrop strong and confident living on the edge but living so much more than the followers I'll be that raindrop a thinker a maker of new roads a leader

### Rekindle

The time between then and now it's almost killing me

My mind then my mind now... only the same

The time between
Was the time it took me to
forget
To believe in a nothingness
that holds me to the earth
just by a string
I can't explain
the lock
the tug
of memory

All the butterflies, the shy smiles, the steps closer All the interlocking Fingers, How could I forget

You're on my mind And the love you Rekindle it starts a fire I'm at the stake Almost ready to face my death sentence

I won't chase deceit But I'm holding out for just one dance

just one kiss...

### Released

Thoughts flow from me to you How can this be Can't hold this anymore What does the world expect from me

I'm finally ready
To be released
Approach your heart and
I'm almost free

And if you're ready
To be released
Come near my heart and
I'll set you free

Set yourself free From everything here Play alone Oh, play alone

I don't need them
They don't need me
I'll play alone
Oh, play alone
Alone

Released
Thoughts flow from me to you
How can this be
Can't hold this anymore
What does the world expect from me

Trapped in my own heart I'll set you free If you're ready To be released

Trapped in my own heart I'll set you free I'm finally ready And I'm released

#### Remembrance

Mommy.
I'm too old to call you that.
I've learned too much
I'm much too strong
I'm leaving soon
I'll leave you alone.

I feel guilty.
Each time I call you
Mommy
The wind brings your ship's sail
that much closer to mine,
which will only hurt you
when my ship gets too heavy
for you to hold.

My ship will leave the harbor
Set off on its own
And there's nothing you can do about it.
No matter how many things you forgot to tell me,
you won't be able to pull me home again forever.
No matter how many boxes you pack my things in,
you'll still have to keep some of it
as a reminder of me.
No matter how many times you say goodbye before that day,
you'll still have to say it again.

But Mommy,
Sometimes I like to call you that.
It makes me feel
Vulnerable
I'm a child,
chasing frogs across the street,
baking muffins on Sunday mornings,
asleep in the backseat on a long day of driving,
tumbling down a hill without looking where I'm going.

But all at the same time
It makes me feel
Safe
If I stay
I won't have to remember my own bedtime,
buy my own groceries,
take my own temperature.
I won't have to live on my own,
navigate love,
figure out what course my ship is on.

Mommy,
Sometimes
I just want to let it slip away.
I want to give up,

leave my package on a doorstep and give up on this wretched ship. I don't want to take the risk of heading straight into a storm. I can return to the time when the sun shined, the birds sang, there was ice cream down the street, my friends were close enough to walk to their houses, there were crackers for lunch and a trampoline in the backyard. And you were so close so close so close so close to me.

## **Right and Wrong**

When people say We need a quiet place when the world is dark They're right But wrong We do need a quiet place when it's dark But we also need one when it's light-To think in When people say We need friends When we're feeling down They're right But wrong We do need friends When we're feeling down, But we also need friends When we're not-To laugh with When people say We need peace In times of war They're right But wrong We do need peace In times of war, But we also need peace When there's already peace-To stay that way

#### Rose

I am a symbol of the red-hot fire burning in your heart.

From a store window I witness the encounters, the nervous sweaty palms, the hellos and first butterflies in your stomach.

From a vase at the front desk of the movie theater I feel your smile, his smile, your butterflies beating their wings even harder.

From a bundle on the table, I am your hope as you laugh out loud and clasp to your chest a story of defying gravity.

From his hand in a driveway after dark I see something rise in him I am passed to you and pressed between your bodies I feel like I'm eavesdropping I close my invisible eyes, put my nonexistent hands over the ears that no one sees, and let you kiss alone.

From the discarded room in back I hear you shouting, my meaning discarded like last summer's outgrown sandals. I can tell I'm not needed anymore. I want to wilt. I try to die.

But I know there will be other lives.

There will be other lives for another movie theater, another hand gently gripping yours, another bouquet of bright red dreams

against the omnipresent gray. There will be other lives for another him, another you, for bittersweet fumblings in the backseats of cars.

I keep myself alive. For there will be other lives.

#### **Rules**

**Follow** 

The rules that were meant to be followed

Don't pick up a pencil and put it back down Don't leave a piece of paper blank for long Don't look out the window and just wish Do whatever you're wishing

Follow

The rules that were meant to be followed

Don't use your friends for anything but friendship Don't turn your back and just let the boat tip Don't imitate what others are doing Do whatever you would do

**Follow** 

The rules that were meant to be followed

Shape your life in your own kind of art Whether it be paintings, sculptures, or music You are yourself, not someone else Be yourself

### **Scram Your Butt to Tallahassee**

Don't you think about coming near me It's not like there's no other girls in this school Who would take you faster than the wind through the trees And I'm not them So scram your butt to Tallahassee

## **Searching**

I'm searching
I'll search forever
to find something
I can appreciate

When I scream you can hear It echoes across the mountaintop Halfway across the country

The sound vibrates not holding back Singing for all it's worth

Searching for something it hasn't felt for an eternity

I'm searching
I'll search forever
to find something
I can appreciate

Tired of not finding anything worthwhile If you hear my voice then find it and run away together...

But you
Send me a message
You're never coming back
and I might as well give up screaming
The scream searches,
never finds anything anyway

I'm searching
I'll search forever
to find something
I can appreciate

I can't live like this Always searching Deep in the mountains I hear a sound The sound of freedom

I throw away my scream, let it drift out into the Ocean of you Where the sun rises I find a place where my heart can break free from its trap

My search is ending the one that lasted almost forever to find something I can appreciate

Here I can be alone with only colors and sounds and voices and the wind

I've always thought alone was a regret but here I know alone can be better It can be something to worship and revolve around

My search is ending the one that lasted almost forever to find something I can appreciate

The sun illuminates the world But especially here And here I can find things I can appreciate

My search has finally ended the one that lasted forever and forever and more... Now I have something I can appreciate

#### **Sensations**

Hold your head up as you're faced with that decision and think of me Don't let yourself go

Imagine you're home and think of me
As I long for your deep breathing and the sense of calm you bring Keep me close
In your mind
Imagine me
And don't let yourself go

You're invisible by my side But you can do anything I can that's real Here Take my hand I'm imagining that sensation...

The sound of your deep breathing and the sense of calm you bring The scent of getting closer your touch whispers on my skin I won't let myself go until you're home

I hope you're imagining me by your side
The sky beneath our fingers
And hanging on the clouds
Our feet still on the ground
Clinging to each other for dear life
We're stronger than me
We're stronger than you
I won't give up
I won't let myself go

I can't take over
Your decision
But I can decide
What I feel for you
I can't make you love me
I can't make you
Chase after me
But I can make myself
Cling to a moment
I can't let myself go
No, I won't let myself go
until you're home

Right now I hope you're imagining
Feeling these sensations
My head resting lightly on our hands
Intertwined with promises we didn't ever
Keep
My mind dreaming of tomorrow
As I sit right beside you
You're playing with my hair with your gentle
Hands

Right now I'm imagining
I'm feeling these sensations
The sound of your deep breathing
and the sense of calm you bring
The scent of getting closer
your touch whispers on my skin...
No, I won't let myself go
until you're home

### **Shadows**

We should love the shadows
How deep they are, how mysterious
But instead we dread the shadows
Fearing that one day, our lives will be captured
By the shadows with their dark embrace
We should love the shadows
How they lure us into the night
But instead we fear the shadows
Fearing that they will be our end

### shiver

a shiver runs through me i capture its warmth

how does it control me a fire inside

but yet a blizzard a storm spreading from my core to my legs to my fingers to my head.

a feeling of contradictions a bundle of everything all wrapped into one hot and cold.

again i shiver and wonder what i'm made of.

#### Silver and Gold

Make new friends, but keep the old One is silver and the other's about to Go away, without a trace And make a life that's all her own That's why she's Across the ocean That's how far away our story goes Make new friends Across the lunchroom But keep the one about to Go away, without a trace And keep you buried deep inside her So make new friends, but keep the old One is silver and the other says... People can tear me apart, with all their hatred But I'm strong, always have been You can push me away, however little you mean it But I will always be here

# **Skyfall**

I should be proud, it went perfectly But instead I'm standing here It's hard to breathe That's when my world came crashing down It's skyfall

The explosion You fell for it I can't believe what's happening now Skyfall

The commotion We disappeared into it The best times I can remember Skyfall

The emotion
I couldn't control it
I was controlled
by it
I was consumed
by it
Skyfall

I should be living in our moment it was magic But now's not the time It's skyfall Skyfall

it's the end.

## **Sleepless Night**

And none of us could sleep that night We tossed and turned awake, and We thought about how life could be a piercing pain, a knife

In this sleepless night I'll be your light please come home In the endless sky, how high you fly please come home

In a word without sound, so quiet In a dream, I sleep In a house, I lie awake This sleepless night

In this sleepless night I'll be your light please come home In the endless sky, how high you fly please come home

When the sun disappeared it burned out of the sky When the moon appeared it rose before my eyes When the snow disappeared it melted from the ground... Oh, what a beautiful night

When the sun disappeared I looked for another light When the moon rose at twilight I was peaceful again When the snow disappeared I looked for another snowflake When the tiny piece of heaven landed softly on my hair My efforts so swiftly rewarded My search so quickly ended

But when you disappeared I stopped looking... Oh, what a sleepless night In this sleepless night I'll be your light please come home In the endless sky, how high you fly please come home

## **So Many Words**

Could you have chosen a different way to say it? So many words So little time

We're always watching never deep in the game Immortal spectators we won't stop listening

So many words I've longed to say How to write them now so I won't forget

So many reasons we should never stop being Live life to its fullest always on the carousel

Could I have chosen a different life to live? All the moments in this one they're exhausting me

Could I have chosen a different way to write this story? Maybe so, but for what Too many words to make every idea understood

Could you have chosen a different way to say it? So many words How can it hurt To look before you leap

In the final song
I won't let you down
you'll find me last stanza
Last poem
Last verse

I'll stand in the crowd one in a million Getting a glimpse of you You'll find me in the final song Last rhythm Last word...

Could you have chosen a different way to say it?

So many words So little time

# **Someday**

Other lands are out there Maybe I Can see them Someday **Animals** Have to interact in some way Maybe I Can listen Someday Lay down Sweet cat You will have kittens soon Maybe I Can love them someday Adventures are waiting Somewhere in my future Maybe I Can learn from them Someday I believe That there is a place Where colors take over Maybe I Can feel them someday Someday, somehow I believe I can

### **Sometimes I Wonder**

Sometimes I wonder What it would have been like If I had been born a different person Sometimes I wonder While the rain hits the ground Whether I would have been more of a being Instead of sitting here, Being here, But not really living Instead of walking, Touching, But not really sensing That we need more help than we have Sometimes I wonder If we are really wounded Compared to the life of the earth Sometimes I wonder If we can really think about New changes Gray and silver changes New instruments, new buildings When the world's needed change is black and white

# **Spies**

Who What When Where Why How No one can answer these questions But the spies

They lurk around every corner Never doubting a suspicion Don't assume they'll keep a secret They won't Even the worst spies don't

Spies Essential Sometimes To tell the world That people need peace

#### Still Here

I know that I'm someone who's been here forever and you do...

I know that we are young and I know I shouldn't be but I am...

Chorus
I know what people say
but I'm ignoring them
I know what you want
and you're drifting away
But you're still here, this is still right...
Forever and ever
End chorus

I know that they're wrong that's why I'm writing this, baby And I know we're together through it all...

I know what people say but I'm ignoring them I know what you want and you're drifting away But you're still here, this is still right... Forever and ever

I know that jealousy spreads but I'm not the one who likes it I'm the one on the other side everlasting...

I know what people say but I'm ignoring them I know what you want and you're drifting away But you're still here, this is still right... Forever and ever

# Still You Rise: A Tribute to Maya Angelou

Dear Maya,
A part of us died today
with your defeat
in the battle
against a forever
which we knew
would never come.

But if we could give forever to someone it would be you.

Still you rise like smoke from our chimneys, dust on our roads, love in our hearts.

Your essence is the rainbow, dancing in the rain.

You found our voices your guardian shadow helps us to sing.

We use your words to teach ourselves things you already knew.

You're the afterglow of a time we used to know.

We meld your music into a song the world plays on and on and on

Spreading your love your lead your legacy across a world that's finally starting to hear it.

## Stranger

There's something intriguing about strangers you'll never see them again There's something fitting about this night as I stand next to you

Evening air our laughs collide making it powerful Leaving there the hardest thing I've ever done

Way up there on the Ferris wheel dancing on rooftops And waiting here after it for you...

There's something unstoppable about this night we're on top of the world There's something magic about being in your arms Rearrange the hearts molded even just for a night Shining over a town far away

Our wishes bonded for a night Orion's Belt the witness No legality no true love no soul But I wish you were here, I wish it more than I ever did, and now Now I'm remembering when I met you that night Witness holds it's our night forever... Stranger

#### **Summertime**

Being with you makes my sun come out Creates a rainbow like I've never seen before Running from the dangers and haunts of daily life Just to be with you you're my sanctuary

Being with you makes my sun show its face I'd almost forgotten what it feels like with you Then you take me where I want to go I thought I'd never know this land, the summertime

I won't turn back from a taste of passionate happiness A time holding glory it turned into paradise It keeps the leader inside me from shattering It holds the feeling of me and you I'll stay Forever in the summertime

# **Sunny Weather**

Sunny weather Sweet, moist, makes you want to run around in circles, Bright, sun-filled, shining, summer, Tulips, roses, spring, soon it will be brighter-Sweet, shining, sunny weather.

#### **Sweet Dreams**

I walk through the doorway
To dreamland
Something about it feels like home
And sweet dreams...

Something swirling around in my head Can't control it Can't control it Can't let it hurt me Can't let it take me away from here, The world of Sweet dreams

And the thoughts I think
The words I say
The things I feel
When I'm with you
Now I'm
Feeling something beautiful...
Sweet dreams

I'm not myself tonight
Yesterday was a different time
Cause I'm giving in to you
And it's not just me
It's not just us
against the world
In the whirlwind of
Sweet dreams...

Dreaming is the Only thing I Ever feel like doing Dreamland is the Only place I Ever feel like going...

And the thoughts I think
The words I say
The things I feel
When I'm with you
Now I'm
Feeling something beautiful
Immeasurable in my
Sweet dreams...

Crazy dreams
And a world of confusion
They're taking over me
Taking over my soul
Taking over my
Sweet dreams...

Dreaming is the Only thing I Ever feel like doing Dreamland is the Only place I Ever feel like going...

Dreaming Crazy dreams As dreamland slips away I'm dreaming Unknown dreams As you stand here and say...

The thoughts I think The words I say The things I do

The dreams I dream The dreams I dream

The thoughts I think
The words I say
The things I do
The feelings I feel
The dreams I dream...
When I'm with you...

And now I'm Dreaming something beautiful Diving into my Sweet dreams...

# **Taffy**

I am not eating that stiff bag of taffy, open and dumping its rainbow out into Infinity.
Like the sky, can't be measured Physically.
I always felt like a Knife.
Piercing the soft ear, As long as you took
Whatever you could Do,
Whatever you want when you Die.

### Take a Risk

I want to take a Risk, throw myself off a Cliff, the air is so Brisk, please grant my wish

I want to sing while I Fall, watch you so Small, laugh while I Call for help, please grant my wish

I want to feel my heart Swell, under your Spell, how can you Tell, please grant my wish

I want to blow your Mind, just take my Time, love is so Blind, please grant my wish

#### Talked Me Into It

I'll stand and hold onto everything I wished for I'm stubborn, but you talked me into it You have the key to my mind I melt in front of you You turn me on without trying You talked me into it And I let you, at that time I could have believed anything you said You ignored me before that night but I was desperate for your attention If I was psychic, woulda wished for anything but you You talked me into it Into everything I wished for I'm stubborn, but you talked me into it Wondered if you knew I existed I was enchanted with you Never felt more forgotten I'm stubborn, but you laughed Said, I'll never leave you in the rain I took your word, let you Talk me into it You're the only one that has enough of me to love and wish You talked me into it Banished me to the back of your mind after all these years Never felt more forgotten I'm stubborn, but I remember that night When you talked me into it But I stood and held onto everything I wished for I'm stubborn, but you talked me into it

### **That's Not Me**

I've been waiting forever for someone like you But then once I had you it wasn't the same thing at all

I screamed for help don't do this anymore Won't you ever come back to me

I'm lost because I lost you Because I didn't know what I had Standing in the shadow as the quiet girl for now

At that time I wasn't myself You knew me As a fireball A social butterfly Your babe and that's not me

# **The Animal**

Like a cat
She landed
Like a elephant
She roared
Like a lion
She wondered
Like a bird
She slept
Like a human
She was happy

## The Gray Choice

We assume the world is black & white,
But what about blue & yellow?
What about when the fork in the road has 3 spikes
And we assume the world won't end
Even if we make the gray choice
But what if we make the gray choice,
The one in between?
What happens when you dare to dream,
Dare to make the center choice?
If you dare to ask this question,
It doesn't hurt to try again
And if no one will answer you,
Then dare to dream and make that choice

# **The Growing Season**

The seasons work together To make the world possible

Summer, the sun season Fall, the leaf season Winter, the snow season And spring, the time of beauty

Summer, the yellow season Fall, the orange season Winter, the white season And spring, the time of the rainbow

Summer, the blank season Fall, the shadow season Winter, the dying season And spring, the growing season The growing season

### The Intervals

The interval of a minute Can change the whole world-At least, all of mine Whether you take someone's hand And leave it sitting there, Or take that someone's hand And toss it in the air Jumbling their thoughts so much, Giving them a different opinion That they invite you to come inside The interval of a second Can change the whole world-At least, all of theirs And more When you give them a different point of view, They remember your way, and pass it on to others Which opens up mountain passes between us

## The Keepers of Sound

The keepers of sound Pass through a waterfall Pass through silence, only to break it Keep motions and movements connected In the circle of life The keepers of sound Pass through solid walls Pass through stillness, only to break it Soothe us to sleep The keepers of sound Pass through worlds only they can see The transformation From human to keeper Is one that takes patience, Kindness, and honesty That transformation Takes strength, Friendliness and love To pass through the wall That separates humans and keepers You have to have a light heart And be whole

# The Old Girl Was Hiding

The old girl I remember
Came back today
The new girl I've encountered
At least for now, has gone away
Then I prayed, at least for now
That it would stay that way

But once I prayed
The world went astray
My life turned upside down
Now I remember her, once around
About a week

The old girl I remember
Showed her face today
The new girl I've encountered
Vanished without a trace today
Then I prayed, at least for a while
That it would stay that way

But once I prayed
The world went astray
My life turned upside down
Now I remember her, once around
About a month

But once I prayed again
The world went astray
My life turned upside down
Now I remember her, once around
About a year

# The Right Key

Spinning in circles I can't concentrate Messing up everything the light touches

My keyhole it's waiting It aches every day But I can't take Letting you in

Why isn't anyone coming I'm still alone But it's best not to meddle with time

I'm waiting for the right partner To take the night all to ourselves To be released from this door that I'm hiding behind

They have tried People have tried others not like you But my door won't open for them

I'm locked have to wait For the right key to arrive My closed door will creak open Now that I'm chosen

I'm locked have to wait For the right key

### The Same

Imagine what the world would be like If everyone were the same... We would all be named Carl And live in a dump And all have the same favorite ice cream If everyone was the same

We would have one color
In the whole wide world
Because we'd all have the same
favorite color
We would all eat pizza
for every meal
And we'd probably be tired of it
If everyone was the same

We would all wear purplish clothes And have a pet carrot His name would be King Louie XVIII We would all have pink hair And speak the language of Smiff If everyone was the same

One book in one library across the whole country And it would have 9,000 pages We would all have read 17 of them We would all talk and act the same way If everyone were the same

## The Unforgiven Hunt

I shouldn't be telling you this No one should be telling you this, but Only a few people even know About the time of the Unforgiven Hunt-We are on the Unforgiven Hunt, so I should tell you I can't even tell you What the Hunt is about And why it is called just that-The Hunt But I just told you That the Hunt is called the Hunt For a reason-So now I should tell you the whole story How we came to this point Why our features stand out In the whole world, all the countries First, we were like all the others Down-to-earth, forgiving, out loud Sharing all our secrets But now the Hunt people regret That we came this far We came this far, we broke our friendship apart Now we are on the Unforgiven Hunt The time of the Hunt started at the time of the Hunt No one really knows When it was, what it was that unbalanced the scale Of life and death-But we are on the Unforgiven Hunt We started the Unforgiven Hunt by saying, "We have to increase our lifestyle, then we'll stop" But over time, it grew to be our hobby Beating other countries In machines, in factories and greed In food, in water and high standards In shelter, in organizing, in need We are still on the Unforgiven Hunt

## The Way We've Always Lived

Coal, oil, and natural gas.

Easy and cheap and they come from the ground

They're natural - so they must be completely safe, right?

Already our infrastructure and so simple

We love our light and our long hot showers

And our computers conveniently on all day and all night.

We flip the switch, the lights come on.

Just like moles staying out of the sun,

We don't want to think about how it's done.

We just trust the magic fairies in our walls

to illuminate our homes and let us cook food on the stove.

We don't have to think about ways to change.

Renewables are too expensive anyway,

they're unreliable,

and they don't offer the jobs that fossil fuels do.

We ignore everything to do with how we live,

We're just living in luxury on a day-to-day basis.

This is the United States of America.

We're free to do whatever we want.

So we have the freedom to choose to not think about how energy is done-

That's the magic fairies' job.

We take all of this energy stuff for granted.

Fossil fuels are there for us to provide energy.

We've been using them for a century.

If they really were that bad, they would definitely be gone by now.

Right?

It's so quick.

It's so easy.

It's the way we've always lived.

# **Think**

Think sound Leaves rustling Birds chirping Waterfall Or silence

Think friends Helping hands Loyal Honest Or enemies

Think peace Cooperating Sharing Fairness Or war

Think people Miracles But not perfect

#### This Is What I See

I land a leap
Quietly, gracefully
I look into the wall-length mirror, to the left
And this is what I see...
The floor springs move beneath me
Someone mounts the highest beam,
ready for anything
Tasha spots my team
And I cheer for my coach
And always, and always
There's coaches, there's friends
Coaches I've known since my childhood...
I grew up here

I look into the wall-length mirror, in the center And this is what I see...
Someone cross-tumbles, adrenaline rushes As she lands a front handspring Caitlyn lands a punch front, sticks it And I cheer for my friend And always, and always There's coaches, there's friends Friends I've known since I was three...
I grew up here

I look into the wall-length mirror, to the right And this is what I see...
Shannon dismounts, back tuck from the uneven bars And I cheer for my friend
Team girls on the trampoline
Littles in the pit back in the farthest corner
And always, and always
There's coaches, there's friends
People I've known since a long time ago...
I grew up at Spirits

### This Life

I speak the truth, but not to the extreme This year seems so make-believe Joking around about a "marriage pencil" That doesn't really exist Then joking around about his love for her That no one can really miss This life, in middle school Come, Stick around, but don't mess with the flow This life, we're all here today We'll stay for a while, then come away With this life, in middle school Come, Stick around, but don't mess with the flow Have a heart, don't break him down Don't just jump off the merry-go-round Either push him away gently, or take his hand for life Yet no one stands a chance against our dynamite

#### **Those Words**

What made you think about that, don't ruin your life You need to focus on the things always changing Always moving Banished to the back of my mind, Best philosophy I've heard in my life

Those words are part
Of a book I've never read
A song I've never sung
A dream I've never dreamed
Part of a cloud I've never been to
Sailin' on cloud nine
And I wish, I wish it was mine

There's a girl
Miss Original Girl
She turns gray into silver
I don't know why you can hate her
She doesn't realize what it must be like to be me
Take her away from the best things that I am dreaming
About

But I guess those words are part
Of a book I've never read
A song I've never sung
A dream I've never dreamed
Part of that cloud I've never been to
Sailin' on cloud nine
And I wish, I wish it was mine
I wish it was forever mine

The best day on my lips tastes like candy
When you taste it it's a whole different story
People don't live like this, they
Don't all sound the same
No one's ever worried about my hiding, where I might be
And I'm wishing
Still wishing
Still dreaming but
I have hoped, I have failed
I have dreamed, I have fallen
I have wished, I have retreated
I have tried, I have collided
I have done it, I have succeeded
But I still know through this fog

I know those words are part
Of a book I've never read
Never even looked at
A song I've never sung for you
A dream I've never dreamed
At least in this lifetime

Part of that same cloud I've never been to Ever in my life
Now I'm sailin' on cloud nine
And I think back to the time
When I wished, I wished, I dreamed that it was mine
And now it is forever mine

#### **Till The End Of Time**

Broken promises, broken hearts I keep my chin up as if nothing's happened As if you never left I'll stand here waiting for you till the end of time As I'm standing here I'm wondering If you feel anything at all Wé've been here what feels like Our whole lives Sharing inside jokes, sudden nothing Suddenly you're gone like a whistle on the wind Nothing happened a couple of hours ago it's all in my head But deep down I know That I'll stand here waiting for you till the end of time I'll accept your apology On one condition- you understand That we've been like this what feels like Our whole lives Sharing inside jokes, sudden nothing Suddenly you arrived, that whistle Came back from the dead But I'll stand here waiting for you Till the end of time

## Time of My Life

Come back to those days of tomorrowland I had the time of my life When you haunted me through You took over my soul I had the time of my life With you I got that feeling Nothing can stop us now Fighting for my life, I had the time of my life Cause I was with you Wish you had noticed before the dragons swarmed in Separating us forever and ever The window closed, I'm haunted By you, by the days of September When I was haunted by a life that no one remembers A life, a dream, a memory I lay and think at night A life, a scream, a heart that no one remembers He died with me, the window Closed on everything we had And I wouldn't share You have a way of forgetting everything we had All those people, happy people without a care in the world I had the time of my life Screaming for your life Buried in the sand that day, I can't go back, I had the best time With you The window closed, I'm haunted

### **Titanic**

The feeling of gravity holding me to the ground It's the anchor dragging my ship down down

Into the depths useless to fight Swords crash in tune to the beat of my heart

The sea shows no mercy no pity for me My lonely road ends in the fate of a ship long ago, wrecked sunk destroyed

The Titanic's fate, the facts and the myths, the stories they tell The horror of an ocean grave That old accursed ship It's the gray lining against my silver

Then again
I've always been silver
But as a human being I'm
almost cashed out
Almost done with the purpose
I'm serving
My essence lies weak, dull, broken
in the snow

I'm coming closer
to the end
At least it's an end
At least I don't have to pretend
anymore
That I'm riding a skylight,
flying high, dancing through life
At least my ship
is finally retiring
to the hall of fame

The sea shows no mercy no pity for me

My lonely road ends in the fate of a ship long ago, wrecked sunk destroyed

# **Tomorrow's Coming**

Running out of gas right next to the tick of the bomb You promise you'll always keep me safe

I know you're messing with my head I won't wait with you Longer than I have to Because tomorrow's coming Beautiful tomorrow A day when I can be free of this

You say this is forever, I've never heard such lies I can't wait for someone else to save me better do it myself Yet you still say you'll keep me safe

Safe! What a deceptive word what a false promise, easily broken Bomb goes off as it's intended to and you're stolen from me

I know you're messing with my head I won't wait with you Longer than I have to Because tomorrow's coming Beautiful tomorrow A day when I can be free of this

Running away too fast you can't catch up anymore I count myself lucky that I've even made it this far But lucky for what?

You break the promise
I know it's all your doing
the stolen story of our love
It deceived me, wrote itself and then
made me think it was real

I know you're messing with my head I won't wait with you Longer than I have to Because tomorrow's coming Beautiful tomorrow A day when I can be free of this

I know you're messing with my head

I know my life isn't adding any more days the longer I stand here and wait I know this love's just deceit I can't wait Oh, tomorrow's coming

## **Twenty Of You**

I'll run and hide And shut my eyes In order to avoid you

I'll run and hide And shut my eyes In order to avoid you

I'll imagine what's in store for me Even though I know you'll disagree I'll imagine what the future holds for me And I know that you're not like me...

I'll be like twenty of you, Look down and laugh at the place where I used to be Letting you know that I don't care anymore I'm off setting up what I want to do

I'll run and hide And while I'm hiding I'll dream that there is no you

I'll run and hide And while I'm hiding I'll dream that there is no you

I'll imagine what's in store for me Even though I know you'll disagree I'll imagine what the future holds for me And I know that you're not like me...

I'll be like twenty of you
You sit there, eyes vacant
Doing absolutely nothing
While I travel the world in a single moment
I'll be like twenty of you
Paris, LA
Telling my story
Starting at the place I didn't want to be

I run and hide And feel ashamed But I want to avoid you

I run and hide And that's not why I've just got to avoid you

I'll imagine what's in store for me Even though I know you'll disagree I'll imagine what the future holds for me And I know that you're not like me...

I'll be like twenty of you I came to hold his heart While keeping you out of my mind The girl who's twenty of you She sits on your grave And does everything she wanted to do

She's like twenty of you Forever holding your memory She'll be like twenty of you She's twenty of you And does everything she wants to do

#### **Under The Summer Rain**

Drops rippling In the lake where we were raised, In the place where we met each other Under the summer rain Thunder cracks Lightning threatens Shadows on the dock, silenced Calm, listening To the summer rain A splash in the distance All of us wondering what emerged Through the summer rain The woods where we play empty Heeding directions we've heard all these years Under the summer rain The time goes by so fast Wasn't it yesterday when we were Six, seven, eight, listening To the summer rain? But we're just as beautiful now Peaceful, with everyone watching us Through the summer rain Don't tell us we're not like we used to be We want it, we can't help it But we're just as beautiful now Watching the summer rain

# **Unfamiliar Territory**

You're unfamiliar territory

I turn myself upside Down inside Out can't explain my Heart anymore

I venture out onto your paths
Take a deep breath
Test your waters
It's clear and cool
I close my eyes
and nothing can be better

Green eyes
The world's gone blind
Why can't they see that
I'm the one for you

You're unfamiliar territory

I turn myself upside Down inside Out can't explain my Heart anymore

Clear skies, bright sun Always my kind of weather When I'm here with you

My toes buried in the sand Only have to move once... Standing is a new feeling in you

You're unfamiliar territory

I turn myself upside Down inside Out can't explain my Heart anymore

Your mountains, your valleys A world I haven't encountered Your seas a cascade of emotion while your breeze unwinds the spirals of my heart

My last gasp of land you're pulling me in I dive into the waves and disappear

### **Unwilling Heart**

My heart swells with feelings
I don't even know what they are
I can't even guess what you're doing
I think you're someone I love

But since when can I trust my untrustable heart I thought I loved a million times before and all it turned out to be was lust

I lust after your shadow as you tiptoe away Once I loved like my heart couldn't break in two But now I lust, keeping my unlovable heart inside a vase

We're protected by flowers, by flowers and words The ones of yesterday... When I met you and something happened When love was nothing to my untouchable heart

And I know if I can't love you I'm by myself tonight Running from everything I've ever known

So I try to force my unwilling heart to do something safe instead I try to push you away But my unwilling heart isn't going anywhere but here

# **Verity**

A Curse In my head

A Smile On my face.

A Contradiction That's all I am.

A Fake Carefree life

While I Wait For you here.

And all you had to do to save me was look down.

Just a flick of the eyes while you glide above the clouds

Just a glance straight down before two heavens finally collapsed on you...

Fire!
I shield my eyes
Look!
Not quite in time
Fall!
You loved the sky
Crash!
A million lies

I'm out of time...
I'm out of time...
I'm out of love...
It's buried with you

Writing about you it's like you never left A shadow My copilot Waiting in the wings-

alive alive ALIVE.

### **Walk Two Moons**

Say hello, say hello
I'm waiting for a twist in time Say hello, say hello
I'll soon call you mine

Heart beat fast, heart beat slow Stay here a little longer Heart's a friend, heart's a foe My soul is getting stronger

Walk two moons, walk two moons
Feel the sun on your shoulders
Walk two moons, walk two moons
Feel my breath coming closer

One raindrop,
just a drop
A drop in the bucket without a care
Just a drop,
just one drop
I've never belonged anywhere

One last thought, just one thought I'll try to let you go But it's a storm it's a storm I know I'm never letting go

Walk two moons,
walk two moons
Feel the sun on your shoulders
Walk two moons,
walk two moons
Feel my breath coming closer

Say goodbye, say goodbye Why did you have to go Say goodbye, say goodbye I tell myself that I won't cry

When the sun shined, the sun shined I want to go back to when When I realized, I realized I'll never be the same again

## We Couldn't Stop Laughing

we hid out in my room we ate candy and we couldn't stop laughing we joked around we told our stories and we couldn't stop laughing we looked into the distance we opened the window and we couldn't stop laughing there was a UPS truck i stuck my feet out the window thinking it was a trash truck and we couldn't stop laughing we looked at old yearbooks we told "do you remember when" stories and we couldn't stop laughing we laughed at each other we laughed at ourselves and we couldn't stop laughing we laughed at the past at the present and future so as friends, we couldn't stop laughing

#### We Shouldn't Have

We shouldn't have built this place We shouldn't have welcomed the lights Of the city But instead we built this place Instead we welcomed the lights Of the city, the city

We shouldn't have built this place We shouldn't have figured that time Was eternity But instead we built this place Instead we figured that time Was eternity, eternity

We shouldn't have built this place
We should have listened to our neighbors
When they told us to stop
But instead we built this place
We didn't listen to them
When they told us to stop

We shouldn't have built this place We should have understood that the world Was a luxury But instead we built this place We just couldn't understand that the world Was a luxury

#### When I Was Little

I remember those days Can't give them up Wish I could go back And be free of crying

I was Sweet and naïve And never looking where I was going Not knowing what was coming What the future would hold

Spending all day outside Under the spell of spring Keeping people close Laughing till my sides hurt

And stomping in the puddles while dancing in the storm not worried about when the lightning would strike And I would fall asleep To the sound of the rain But That was a long time ago

Sweet and naïve
And never looking where I was going
Not knowing what was coming
What the future would hold

Now I look back and wonder If it could be any longer But I know it's just wishful thinking

I'd give anything to be that girl again... Sweet and naïve all that time ago

I stomped in the puddles while dancing in the storm not worried about when the lightning would strike And I fell asleep to that same sound, soft on the roof But That was a long time ago

A long time ago Barely remember what it's like to be her Seems so far away... When I was little

## When the Smell of Sugar Fades Away

When I hear yelling, I carry myself Up the stairs and around the right bend Then turn left into the little place After we transformed it Into a place I couldn't imagine before We shouldn't just ignore it I go to my oasis when feelings take over The ones I wish wouldn't exist I go there when I have no more patience And even clouds seem to get in my way When the smell of sugar fades away, and I need a helping hand I'm taken by the dim light that keeps me awake I'm swallowed by the mountains of adventures packaged into one place Of fairy tales that only the younger me believed were true Now I can finally face the truth- they can't happen The world isn't all black and white And nothing has a pure "happy" ending I still take pleasure in reading them- it gives me a glimpse of the younger me, the past one that believed Even though she didn't have many chances to do everything she wanted to do She never had to face the feelings that I wish wouldn't exist When the smell of sugar fades away I seem to melt like I won't see another day But the soft space and the books are like my best friend They come alive as I walk inside again The clink of the crescent moon beating a rhythm against the lamp The blanket seems to dance as I quietly think I close my eyes, and dream of peace My feelings disappear when I wake up next The anger resides, and I stay a minute and rest I travel miles, it seems, to my oasis When the smell of sugar fades away But after that, it always comes back again I owe a lot to the smell of sugar That opened my eyes, and seemed to say

Maya Hanson (mye3 poet)

That everyone needs a time to think

### Where I'm From

I'm from sweet purple cherries that exploded in our mouths before dinner. I'm from round-off back handsprings and hugs and chocolate and headaches that my mother always apologized for because she thought they were her fault. I'm from childhood imagination... wanting to be a butterfly when you grow up and painting the sky pink with blue clouds, like cotton candy. I am from yelling matches and crying and slamming the door in faces, from the grand piano, fingers flying over keys. I'm from the love, hopes, and dreams for friends and family. I am from magnets and hearts and cats, from a talent for drawing birds and writing my long stories after school, from mirrors and lip gloss and choir lollipops. I'm from the wind catching my hair on the trampoline in the backyard, from passing out tropical gum, from makeup and camping and friends. I am from Rubik's cubes and card games and Equations, from flip-flops and choir and purple sparkly nail polish, from peaches and pizza and mac and cheese, from minigolf and oceans and family. I am from the sound of screen doors in the summer that my cats sit in and from stir-frying onions for dinner at night. I'm from the postcard-perfect picture of me and my sister standing with our faces turned toward the beautiful blue sea, from perfect, unhindered happiness of just being here. I'm from climbing trees to the veryvery top to get a glimpse of the setting sun, from paper stars taped on the window glass exchanged for paper snowflakes in the winter, from "Silver Bells" and Girl Scouts, from music and poetry and notebooks and gymnastics, from braces and bracelets and books. I am from a laugh, a real one. I am from me and the things I'll remember.

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8th grade was the best year EVER!!!

#### Who Am I

Where am I going What am I doing What do I stand for Who am I

Questions that continue endlessly all day and all night

I'm trying to figure it out I'll keep on going But there's No end in sight

Will there ever be?
I can't tell
Can't speak
Can't sleep
Can't breathe
Stretching out my vision
right in front of me

My eyes on the ground never meeting yours Doorknob to the heart, window to the soul

I venture into the unknown Your skin to mine And I find it

Repentance for the days I pretended to be someone else Who am I

Can't you find me right here, I'm standing in front of you Who am I

You found me Doorknob to my heart, Window to my soul Who am I

No matter where we've been No matter what we've done No matter what we're planning to do... I'll keep on going But there's no end in sight Who am I I keep asking these questions No end in sight, I'm throwing myself blindly into the chasm

Who am I? It's a neverending question But someday I know I'll find out who I am

### Why I'm Worth It

You make me feel How hot and sweet you are You make me feel Like I'm a girl that you could love You make me feel Why I'm worth it And it's better than my dreams coming true You make me feel Like all of me is exposed You make me feel Like my secrets are all let out You make me feel Why I'm worth it And it's better than anyone else can do You make me feel The best parts of my life You make me feel Like I'm giving myself to you You make me feel Why I'm worth it And it's better than I've ever felt before

## Winken, Blinken, and Nod

When you ask If I'm okay I nod It's a universal Do you want some popcorn? Nod Do you like her? Nod Wink, nod Wink, blink, nod At you Winken, Blinken, and Nod Set sail in a pea-green boat And why can't I? Because they crashed and I will too So I will write this song for you And why do I? Winken, Blinken, and Nod Because my trust in you is gone Winken, Blinken, and Nod In a wink, in a blink, in a nod Winken, Blinken, and Nod Now my trust in you is gone Winken, Blinken, and Nod Now I forget everything Winken, Blinken, and Nod Set sail in just a pea-green boat. So why can't I?

#### Wish You Were Here

I think about you, think about you Every night Wish you were here But the feeling's still burning bright My obsession takes you over A statue, wanna hold you tight One more thing I'll whisper Before you leave Say nothing, once more I wish you were here Take me, pull me down the aisle as the lights blink And I flash back to that night But it's only a memory Don't feel like confronting you Right now, I'm too tired Say nothing, again and again I wish you were here But that's what I love about you You're always in the right place at the right time, Standing out from the crowd Let me speak now, for once My dream cascading down the mountain In this silent, quiet world In this empty love, for no reason But I still wish Wish with every eyelash Wish with every dandelion Wish on every shooting star I wish you were here, in this moment of ours Wish, wish, wish with all my heart Wish you were here

### With My Mask On

I'm the player With the mask on I'm the character Who never appears

I'm the name That's barely mentioned You never see me Faking tears

I'm always belowdecks A soundtrack Stuck on anything But you

Can't you see me As the star Someday I'll be somebody new

And a change I'm transformed Take the mask off Throw it into the background Take the hood off I'm a vision Finally

I'm no longer the character you never see I see you now and so I see myself I see why you keep truths hidden I know you your faults inside and out

I can love you And I can Say something Now

#### Within Your Walls

When I'm here You're someone else And I can't read your mind I can't tell who you are when I'm gone

I don't want to make you Someone you're not And if you're real when I'm here, I don't want you to change for anyone else

Within your walls
I'm someone different
But I don't want to change
Within your walls
There's something different
I know
And I love you in spite of myself
Within your walls
that are mine

When I'm here
There's nothing else I can think
With you
It's just minute by minute
A chill runs through me
like I'm doing something wrong...

But I know it's just because I've walked through your door I'm standing at the entrance wondering How I ever got here Now I'm Within your walls There's nothing I can do about it I'm just standing here Waiting for my next orders

You can make anything Happen in this moment You can make me fall Nothing to catch me I'm within your walls

Within your walls
I'm someone different
But I don't want to change
Within your walls
There's something different
I know

And I love you in spite of myself Within your walls that are mine You can make anything Happen in this moment You can make me fall Nothing to catch me I'm within your walls

# **Writing to Juliet**

Bent over a desk
Scribbling as fast as possible
I saw a shadow
Making her dreams come true
Writing to Juliet
Writing to something that wasn't even
Possible until the end
But she needs those letters to Juliet
To look back on when her dreams come true
She'll live happily ever after
With all she ever wanted
With her letters to Juliet
By night, by day
By something within her
screaming go on, go on
Writing to Juliet

#### You

You You make me laugh
When it's the last thing I want to do Turns me inside out
You
I can't quite figure out
Why you're not leaving soon
Why you haven't left already

I
Don't know why you
Choose me over her
But I
I'm not complaining
You
Stay with me

You
You can't just stay forever
But I feel like you're immortal
You
I can't believe
How much you just exist

I
Didn't let you in
But you found a way anyway
You
Can't admit to me
How much you wobble
Just on your own tightrope

You
You've always been here
Why didn't I ever notice
I
Hold on to you
As you try not to fall off

Can't you stay Forever You

#### **Your Sound Is Sweeter**

There's no sound as sweet as yours It takes me before dawn It lies with me after midnight

Chorus
And your sound
Holds me
Like nothing else has before
Your sound
Loves me
And I can't fight it anymore

Your sound is sweeter than All the fighting I've done It catches the truth and holds on

And your sound Holds me Like nothing else has before Your sound Loves me And I can't fight it anymore

Your sound plays back through my head again It's the only thing keeping me going Loving you, forever and ever

And your sound Holds me Like nothing else has before Your sound Loves me And I can't fight it anymore

Your sound is sweeter than The moonlight on my windowsill It sings, I drop dead

And your sound Holds me Like nothing else has before Your sound Loves me And I can't fight it anymore

I'm awake with your sound Echoing in the dark Your sound is sweeter than love

And your sound Holds me Like nothing else has before Your sound Loves me And I can't fight it anymore