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Aisle 17

Pairs of eyes are peering
They watch us only from the side
Behind corners of long halls
They won't dare look us in the eye
They see our love floating above them
They can smell it when we walk by
But we're the only ones who can feel
The warm glow we hold inside
Like a moth to a flame
Their envy isn't something you can blame
Our smiles and blushed cheeks
say everything we tuck away
Behind a loosened belt
The treasures we have felt
Are easily placed best
Imagination colors the rest
Of the never been and never said
And all the love poems never read
A place that many want to know
But it's ours for keeping not for show
We try and play it off cool
and we make it seem like
There's nothing happening
it's all in their minds

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Aphrodite

i feel so beautiful

that it's kind of insane

i'm feeling so good

how could i be called vain

a goddess of beauty

with hair that always flows

two eyes glowing perfectly

atop my lovely nose

and when i walk the ground blushes

right beneath my feet

and just wait for what happens

when on a log i take a seat

the flowers pick me now

and the birds hear me sing

and once a mountain kneeled to me

to offer me a ring

the leopards have painted their spots

to look like my skin

the stream longs for me

to peer at my reflection

so that he can see me again

the wind loves when i run

and cut through it's cool air

the humming birds heart skips a beat

from never seeing anyone so fair

the nectar longs to taste

a delicacy so sweet

can there ever be a match

that i could ever meet

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Blurred Lines

Our roads have been paved
And each of them are calling
In a different direction
Trying to keep up
But we're falling

We have to let go
Of the sweet and the delight
And understand that on our own paths
Is where black is black
And white is white

I reached a little into grey
and stretched myself too thin
It'll take me a little while
To snap back together again

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Conquistador

cry and cry a river

to drown in your own tears

how deeply must you sink

to know that you're alright

for always in the darkness

the moon shall shed her light

so fall, and fall, and fall

into the bottom of the sea

you will find that even there

there's air for you to breathe

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Create Fate

We forget what is important
The people we invest our time into
The ones who are special to us
The things that are fun
And silly and free
The things that our heart whisper to us
Before we fall asleep

I wonder if I'll ever be able to stay with my kids at home
And let the time we spend be in wonderment and joy
Will we learn how to love together
And play until the sun is gone
And learn about the puzzle pieces of the earth that we are from

How do we let our heart fuel us
And be what drives us through the day
How can we not get stuck in the cages that we make
I'm becoming my mother
And I'm becoming my father
And slowly I'm forgetting what I was running after
How do we fool our selves into making excuses
Giving into our fears
The illusions that we all hide behind

Is what we want really too good to be true?
I'm scared that the life that I want will never be
I'm afraid I'll spend my time dancing to the drum of another's beat
And that's why it's so serious what we decide to create
How we choose to spend our time here day by day
If you want to live happily
You have to choose your fate

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Darkest Hour

I'm afraid of what you'll do
but I'm afraid to lose you too
So I? choose not to say a thing to you
Staying up all night
Waiting for you to come back to the room
Pretending I? don't know what you do
Because I? don't want to lose you
Take the pain to keep you by my side
Keep a happy face
So you don't wonder why
I? stay up staring at the moon all night
Trying to convince myself there's no reason to cry
I? know that you lie
And I? understand why
I? wish you could see
The shade that you live in won't let you breathe
Won't let you be who you really want to be
The anchors on your feet aren't helping you see
Over the horizon to where you want to be
You're lying to yourself and you're lying to me
Take another hit and hide behind the weeds
And convince yourself you're free
I? don't say a thing to you
And you don't say a thing to me
I'm watching you sinking to the bottom of the sea
And trying to hold onto me
I'm not afraid to feel the pain
But that doesn't mean I have to stay
I guess this is me saying I'm on my way

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Drama Mama

I'm dropping bombs like rain
On anyone who gets in my way

The metronome of my impatience
Is the heartbeat of my aggravation

Afraid to lose and afraid to win
Afraid to be good and afraid to sin

My explosions sever any helping hand
From my ears advice is banned

I've exhausted my fight
Blacked out the light

And decided to die

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Earth

let's take a trip into a world

where contrast shows no definite lines

where perspective gains a whole new vantage point

and brings us more aligned

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Eternal Gratitude

Each moment is precious
If I don't respect it I'm reckless
I can't expect when my next breath is
That's why I wear a heart on my necklace
To remind me that the soul is endless
The gift of eternity evokes the greater gift of reverence
We come into the world blind and still find love
Even with no reference

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Fly The Coup

I heard you the first time
Can we please make it the last
I don't need to hear it again
I'm not who I was in the past
Every time you scold me
It reminds me of who I once was
I'm tired of tripping over my feet
And have to second guess nearly everything I think
I just want to be free
And please don't tell me anything
I've made it this far on my own
And I've got a lot farther to go
I know there is still more I need to know
You've got to let go
If you want me to grow
I'm doing everything I can
And I am already everything that I am

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Footprints

footprints on the ground

behold, i have found

footprints on the ground

do i hear a sound

on a journey i am bound

i take a leap I'm off the ground

and in a new land i am found

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Heaven On Earth

I just feel so warm and lovely
Like someone came up and snuggled me
I just can't believe the chivalry
Of the sun shining her rays down on me
Dust is dancing on the windowsill
The breeze is blowing a slight sweet chill
The birds are bathing in the succulents
And I'm shining in the presence of opulence

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Hide To Keep

I'm still not ready to admit what's happening,
Because I don't want it to be true,
It feels so much better to hide behind pretend feelings,
So much better than the thought of losing you

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Honeybee

oh my oh me

I must be a honey bee!

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Humpty Dumpty

Falling apart
you weren't around
Screaming your name
You didn't hear a sound
Reaching for you
Your hands in a fist
The rejection I feared
You finally hissed
Into my darkness I fell
And I couldn't get out
Your strength was holding me up
Until it wasn't
And I drowned

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Inevitable Plunge

a king and a queen

we were destined to be

a life in the meadow

where we wished to flee

by starlight

by moonlight

our horses

they fly

straight over the cliffs

into the ocean they dive

a king and a queen

we were destined to be

now forever sinking to

the bottom of the sea

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Ire

Once I felt lifted by our memories
Inspire
But now I can't seem to reach those heights
Aspire
Weighed by fear, I fight to climb
Perspire
Searching for endurance, I need more fuel
Fire
Falling behind and loosing my grip
Backfire
But winter is a time for rest
Retire
Into your arms I fall
Admire
And feeling lifted up again
Respire

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Jewels And Treasures

i heard there were jewels somewhere

deep beneath the ground and

I've got forever to stick around

I dug and dug and dug deep into the ground

and then i forgot what i was looking for

so i sat at the bottom and looked up

and said "this is where i shall live"

nothing can reach me here, nothing but I

but as long as i waited, i never fell away

and it finally occurred to me that maybe

this is not where i wanted to be

until you dug a tunnel and ran right into me

and together we climbed, climbed to be free

if we dig a hole to hide

we'll only have mountains twice as high to climb

and when i reached the top, the wind was pure

and clean, it was then that i realized

the only jewels are clear to see

i surely did find buried treasure

after i buried me

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King Enemy

You could be my everything
You could be my king
Together I know we can build anything
We've got the kind of love that set us free
But you don't want to be anybody's anything
You'd rather be an enemy
Than have to be a friend to me
Because I won't let you see
And believe in the illusions of your mind
That's what happens when you're mine
You're forced to face
Parts of you that you've disgraced
But don't you know that's how you win the race
And I see you've got what it takes
Yet you'd rather throw it all away
For a shiny Rolex and a piece of cake
And a last name that's fake
Rather than anything real that you have to make
Falling apart until we break
Unless I let go
And not wanting to know
What it's like without you here
Keeping me from drowning in my fears
We're exactly what the other one needs
But you refuse to be a friend to me
And yet you refuse to put an end to me
I'm looking for someone to help me escape
From the merry go round of spinning out of pace
Pulling off the hinges until it breaks
I'm tired of crying with mud on my face
I'm ready to play
I've asked you to come but you'd rather stay away
Help me escape
Help me to please get away
You're drowning me
Deeper waters is where we sink
Every time you look at me
What are you to me
How did you become my enemy

When yesterday you were almost my everything

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Lava Fury

lava flows and so does water

is there something that you're after

you won't find it here nor there

if you know you are love

you won't even care

up and down and left and right

forever and ever you could fight

tired forever and eternally after

what you're looking for is

laughter

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Lifeboat

You musn't always choose pain
to know what is needed to know
surely there's always a gain
whichever path you choose to go
you can climb the height of mountains
or dive to the depths of the sea
or you can hop into my canoe
and row along merrily with me

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Little Bug

A fly and a gnat

A swat and a snat

A swish and a flush

A little bug i won't touch

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Love Float

i loved you once

i loved you never

i will love you

forever and ever

across the sea

at the top of the bow

the boat to freedom

must always flow

back and forth we row and row

around the bends

we twist and float

and if we were to sink and crash

my love for you will always last

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Lovey Dovey

My sweet love,
your voice is the gentle,
cooing of a dove
when you speak to me I sink,
into the rose petals at my feet
I gaze up because,
the clouds have all turned pink
If you speak another word,
you'll lull me right to sleep
right as I close my eyes
you are the last thing that I see

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Moonshine

the moon doth shine

some say not as bright

but the moon and the sun

share one lonely light

both forces lend their hands

and guide us to where we shall be

both caressing tops of waves

and shining against the sea

two opposites are one

and two opposites are me

since the earth is round

there's no polarity

where you shall choose to look

it's there that you shall be

to give is to receive

because you are not only you

for you are also me

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Mortal Trap

Never enough time to do what we want
But plenty of time to waste
Hasty haste
I hate the taste of hate
Eradicate the pain and itch
With ointments and medicine
Lace us up stitch by stitch
Falling apart bodies with nowhere to go
We run and we run until the day we fall

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Mother Deer

O' my fair mother dear

your bravado is that of a bear

although you come off very strong

your touch is gentle as a deer

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Mother Earth

It's the simple things in life
That give us what we need
The grace of a dancing butterfly that
Lands gently on your knee
The kiss of the morning sunrise
To assure you that you're the best
And the breast of a grassy hill
To give you a place to rest
The world is your mother
And you're bouncing on her knee
As every single birds melody is a lullaby to put you to sleep
every bit of nurturing that you thought that you might need
Is because you didn't know the earths a womb and you're a seed
Growing tall inside her valleys
And deep beneath the sea
The pain of what you never knew
Is the same thing you will breed
Unless you fill your heart will love
And become what you've always wanted to see

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Now

I live in a place where Magic Exists

but nothing is real

I live in a dream of dreams

where nothing is next

you just have to feel

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Perpetual Peak

always on the edge

always on the edge

and always one more day

until I can live

all of my systems are failing

my arms and legs are flailing

how will I ever jump and dive

before I die

the glory is for them

leave me in the dark

and please anyone take my heart

Mellisa Salazar

Raving Craving

What it takes to turn away
Those who have the ability to say no thanks
Are the real unsung heroes of today
When everything inside of you
The fabric of what pulls and drives you
How do we trust what we're made of
When outside of our eyes
What we create is misery and dirty, filthy, little lies
And All for what?
An itch to be satisfied
Delicacy is placed in the palm of our hands
And temptation in the corner of all of our eyes
To ignore the summer mosquitos sting
When lighting crawls under your skin
You lie there awake at night
Gripping at your sheets
Your fist have never been bound so tight
And every cell inside of you passes on the message
Give in, Just give in
We all just want some peace of mind
Soothe the storm and feel something kind

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Red Riding

Our wounds are fresh,

we may lose hope quick

But that doesn't mean we're lost

Nothing can shake us off our horses now

We're telling them who's boss

And we have got our eyes on you

And we have got our hearts there too

Hold me brothers arm in arm

Hold me sisters heart to heart

We're on a road to a new start

And there is nothing in our way

The sun is shining down on us

And we are feeling loved because

we have finally found each other

in California's perfect weather

We are riding up together

With our sweet wind as a sweater

Critters buzzing all around

And not a thought around to make us frown

The eagle helps to guide the way

In the red shadow of his wing we stay

With no more time to bite and kick

Not another fight or word to pick

Heavens closing in on us

And we are feeling loved because

We have left a life that's wrecked

And are headed to get our bags checked

And we may sure have no idea

What it is that we may find

And we sure may have no idea

What it is we've left behind

But we know we have each other

We have us, our whole tribe, and

The sun is shining down on us

And we are feeling loved because

We have a group of rebel rousers

Riding side by side

And we will cross the battle fields

where the arrows will fly

as canon smoke fills the sky

But we won't even hear a sound

Because there's something in our eyes

a blaze of fire that pulls and drives

We have our heart beats to drown the cries

We follow behind our Chief in line

We sit in a circle side by side

But together we stand taller than it all

And together we're love all in all

The sunsets over and over again

But you never get tired when you've got a friend

There's nothing that I'd rather do

than,

to ride together with all of you

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Seamstress Distress Dress

the distance is only

a stretch I've made

the elastic was pulled so tight

it snapped

I'm racing back to tie every cord

and blend the lines, try and mend

what if i have ruined it

a tattered piece of something

that was once great

but now just a scrap

how dare I believe

I can tear a gaping hole between

A wholer piece, a better thing

being ashamed of the colors and strings

that are the very expression of what it all means

I can't pretend I did not break it

not loving each stitch and frayed end

and pattern because it's not the latest fashion

But when you tear yourself apart

you learn there is no ruined art

just a pile of new pieces

a brand new start

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Slytherin

Constant shedding of my skin
Reveals the snake that lives within
She whispers truth along her tongue
And slithers from the shade into the sun
The bite of the past infects my blood
seers through my veins like a volcanic flood

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Speculation Eradication

How long shall i let this bide

each day peeling at me

the sunshine cracks through the trees

but the fog is always sure to roll in

i long for branches to be trimmed away

but who am i to modify what God's made

it is true forest fires are necessary

but do i want that to be me

perhaps i could just sit upon a mountain top

but is loneliness really superior

and the valley is already making me feel low

I've swam all the depths of the ocean

it is where i hide

an open field where wildflowers are

the only place to preside

a trickling stream, that's not too deep

in the sweet wind, i will confide

no need to peer around the bend

everything is here

the whispers of the not too tall grass

tell me stories

and the soil is never to rocky

a rabbit or two and maybe a deer

what more could i ask for

what more could i fear

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Split

Two lives
To hide two sides
Afraid of each other
How can you be
Two different things
That don't believe
in what the other one sees
you separate them
And they make each other wrong
How can you accept all sides of you
So that they can blend
like the melodies of a song
How I long for that sweet ease
The same way you're cooled by a summers breeze
The flow of life is a sumptuous tease

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Subsisting Submerged

there's a million pearls in a giant clam

shut tight forever

and the roses keep on blooming

and the clouds keep on moving

but my shell is stuck buried at the bottom

pretending I am someone else

pretending I am somewhere else

but if I open up

my pearls will float away

and if I stay sealed tight

will forever alone I stay?

who will set me free?

how much longer shall I stay confined

until one day

I simply could not hold them all inside

and every pearl I ever cherished

was suddenly gone

holding my grip tight for so long

they were the only beauty

that i had ever known

up to the surface i float

across the sea to the shore

i spent a week on the sand

Now I kept my eyes peeled on land

I'll never miss a thing again.

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Sweet Tart

My lovely Sweet,

Why have you

become so tart,

I was hoping to

use you

to warm my heart,

I wish baked goods

never went sour,

but if they didn't,

they'd have all the power,

I would be plump

and filled up with flour,

and you wouldn't be

much of a sweet,

but then,

what a delicious treat,

i would be

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Swelter

the heat reeks of dirty feet

and sweaty elbows and barbequed meats

the sunshine blinds me

and the fake grass burns my feet

my brain is melting and so am I

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Tame

Honestly
I'm pissed
Melting honey
At my finger tips
I can almost taste how sweet it is
I reach out far
But never enough
Whats good for you
And what you want
Never seem to stay in touch

Let's go find that paradise please
Because right here
I'm weak in the knees
And now my eyes refuse to gaze
At anything outside of this field of haze
So I lie here defeated
As the day's spin around
A big hole in your heart
With no piece to be found

What did I do
To deserve this sentence
When all I did
was peek over the edge
of loves innate attribute of innocence
Who's the one who gets to say
It's good for you
Or stay away
Why is my love like cocaine
High is high and when it's gone
Only pain

I'm throwing a fit
And in this moment
Not something I'm ashamed to admit
I can't even breathe out
To let it go
Inside I refuse to loose my hold

But in my heart
I know it's true
Something has to change
I can't stay blue
There's a truer call
That's calling
I'm running to it
Tripping over my feet and falling
I can barely dance to the beat anymore
I'm stalling

But when you grow
Nothing of value is lost
An old perspective is the only cost
And letting go of a part of you
To make space for something
fresh and new
At first never seems to feel quite right
But you won't even have a chance
If you don't release your grip and give up the fight

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Tangles

I had my hair tied back
and bound up in a bow
it was long and straight and stringy
the only hair I'd ever known
I wore it tied up to go running
and I wore it tied up to go play
I really had this idea that,
it was always in my way
but one day while I was running
I tripped and fell to the ground
my bow snapped, my hair fell
and came loose
my hair was no longer brown
it was blue and purple and green
and every shade of aquamarine
it was long and curly and bouncy
and piled to the floor
because i always had it tied up
i never knew there was more
it grew and grew into a jungle

it grew into a place to play

and now I never run anywhere

my hair is the perfect place to stay

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Temporary Permanence

I tattooed our love on my wrist
To show you that I meant it
I thought that maybe if I wore you
On the outside of me my sleeve
To show the world I loved you
Then maybe I'd believe
But every day it never stayed
Somehow the ink it fades away

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The Adumbration Of Night

two shadows walk

across these castle walls

and each one

just around a corner

enduring only by

the birth of the night

and the blush of a flame

igniting the halls

two shadows are one

with the cold stone walls

a smoky draft of you

and a clouded rendition of me

two shadows so eager

to not be alone

frantically running

across the cold stone

a stairway goes somewhere

so somewhere we go

a door that swings open

and two shadows go

now one with the night

they have both found

that by the brilliance of light

Into the vastness

they're bound

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Unaffair

You act as if we're the only two
And we both know that, that isn't true

Other hearts are in our hands
Hearts that don't quite understand

I can't ignore how they would feel
If they found their suspicions to be real

Other lives are tied to mine
Strung along a twisted vine

I will feel the slices and cuts
The tightness I swallow and hold in my gut

To keep the truth from tearing apart
Something I've created, my love is my art

The pain in your side is the pain in mine
I'm using centimeters to draw my lines

To slow down my temptations and try to understand
How you can love another woman and I can love another man

I'm trying to build something nice for the future me
So she has the space to live with abundance and stability

I feel responsible for the punches I throw
Because I can't stand to watch someone else feeling low

We can't break the promises we've already made
When it's so easy to let your heart lead you astray

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Window Sills

window sills are for tired elbows to rest

and hungry eyes to feed

a place for flowers to grow

and flies to die

and for the wind to flow

through free

window sills are a place

to plug in and recharge

a platform to look outside

window sills are a forgotten thing

because somehow they lost their pride

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Yard Gnome

yard gnome, gnome

oh my little yard gnome

where oh where now

will you find a new home

the bushes are prickly

and the lawns filled with gnats

the roses are thorny

and on the roof

there's a gnat

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