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"origin": [
       "and everybody wants to get evil tonight, but all good devils masquerade under the light",
       you cocked and sucked your lack of empathy, pulled the trigger with your foot to prove
you've got blood",
       "the devil made me do it, but i also kinda wanted to",
       "i'm cut from a different kind of meat, more than you can chew, hard to swallow me",
       "baby, i might be crazy, but i didn't lose it – no, i set it free",
       "some days i'm glad that i am a madman and i'd rather be that an amicable animal,
mild-mannered cannibal",
       "if sick is defined by what's different, well then pull out the plug and let me die",
       "it doesn't take a killer to murder, it only takes a reason to kill",
       "neatly fold your skeletons, but still can't shut the closet door",
       "i wish i could be a girl in that way you'd wish i could be your girlfriend-boyfriend ",
       "say my name like a slur, but i've been called worse ".
       "i am quantum physics, my witness brings me to existence",
       "am i pretty enough to fucking die?",
       "cross my eyes, dot my t's",
       "love, me normally",
       "jam that square peg in the round hole of their heart!",
       "you appear familiar, dear (you look just like my bathroom mirror)",
       "this won't have to end if it doesn't start",
       "oh lord, heart bluer than my balls",
       "where do you get off being so goddamn beautiful? (oh lord, just say it's on me)",
       "neurotic erotic (i'm obsessed with you)",
       "i can't pin down what normal people want from foreign objects, bottom-shelf erotic
products like me",
       "i'm not a real person, just the shit you can't make up",
       "the vertex of my redemption arc, the searching on that virgin heart, i'm catatonic in your
arms, crying, "how did i cause so much harm?"",
       "i'm down pounding my head against the kitchen floor, apologising for my life and ever
entering yours",
       "alone at the edge of the universe humming a tune",
       "we can take it outside, scuffle in the streetlights (i just really wanna fight with you)",
       "deuteronomy, give my ass a lobotomy / that's sodomy, diggin' deep, archaeology / my
theology, i like to know that he's watching me / fulfill me up like a prophecy, put the fear of god in
me",
       "close your eyes and you'll leave this dream",
       "oh god, everything is so fucked!",
       "so don't swear to god, he never asked you",
       "the other night i cried while thinking about having sex with you, not out of desire or
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"i wipe my tears on my face and neck and the back of my ears, and said, "now it's sweat,

shame but some subconscious impulse to feel pain",

now it's sweat, it's sweat now"",

"baby, my body constantly betrays me. i try to betray it, i only hurt myself.",

"i want to sleep with you, but only in the literal sense",

"if i were split in two, i would just take my fist so i could beat up the rest of me",

"tell my mother i'm going home, i've been destroyed by hippie powers",

"in the backseat of my heart, my love tells me i'm a mess",

"we're just trying, i'm only trying to get home",

"it doesn't have to be like this, killer whales, killer whales",

"how the hell was i supposed to steer this ship? i was give a body that is falling apart.",

"and you wake up trembling from a dream where i swam into the river, i reached out and hold you in my arms (i love you, i love you, i love you)",

"it'll take some time, but somewhere down the line we won't be alone",

"what's with this dog motif? / do you have something against dogs?",

"i am living uncontrollably",

"it's not enough to love the unreal, i am inseparable from the impossible. i want gravity to stop for me, my soul yearns for a fugitive from the laws of nature",

"the ocean washed over your grave, the ocean washed open your grave",

"last night i dreamed he was trying to kill you, i woke up and i was trying to kill you",

"we said we hated humans, we wanted to be humans",

"now i'm trapped inside my youth, and you're in love with late stage youth",

"thank god for the little things and fuck god that they're little things, i am running out of prayers to sing",

"your ears perked up, i perked up when your ears perked up. you were all looking around, and i hoped it was for me. i hoped you were using your sonar systems for me.",

"oh please let me join your cult, i'll paint my face in your colours",

"you had a real nice face, i had an early death",

"stop smoking, we love you",

"keep smoking, we love you",

"take your hands off your neck and hold on to the ghost of my body",

"you can text me, when punching mattresses gets old",

"we were wrecks before we crashed into each other",

"art gets what it wants and art gets what it deserves",

"most people are jokes, but you're so real",

"you never lifted your voice, you never raised your hand. you never showed me your inhuman, you understand.",

"do you know about jesus? do you really know? all you know is what you've been told. listen with your heart, sing with your heart. you've just been singing about girls, what do you know about girls? fuck. why are you so tense? you've gotta start singing with love in your heart.",

"i'm sick of meaning, i just wanna hold you",

"i would speak to you in song, but you can't sing (as far as i'm aware)",

"i keep so quiet, it's hard to tell i'm alive",

"those are you got some nice shoulders, i'd like to put my hands around them",

"there's no devil on one shoulder and angel on the other, they're just two normal people",

"these are the people that i get drunk with, these are the people that i fell in love with",

"but if you keep drawing my eyes on your hands and talking to the other, let's pull out the nail with the back of the hammer 'cause this one has grown old and bitter",

"don't you realize our bodies could fall apart at any second? i am terrified your body could fall apart at any second.",

"i got so fucking romantic, i apologise, let me light your cigarette",

"i will be your rock, dog, when you're rolling your eyes",

"a brain on fire at the centre of things",

"apologies to future mes and yous, but i can't help feeling like we're through",

"the ripping of the tape hurts my ears, in my years, i have never seen anyone quit quite like you do",

"twin bruises on my shins, from where i kicked the back of the seat in. they meant what i went through for you, but now they're fading, now they're gone (don't spend too much time on it).",

"christmas tree's dead, you know how time flies, are you gone?",

"we gotta go back, we gotta go back",

"don't predict your death, 'cause i like you the best. don't you fall apart, you might lose my heart, you know i love your art. ",

"i haven't looked at the sun for so long, i forgot how much it hurt to",

"they were connected at the back of their heads, they had a conduit, their minds were the same.",

"this is the end of the song, and it is just a song. this is a version of me and you that can exist outside of everything else. and if it is just a fantasy, then anything can happen from here. the contract is up, the names have been changed. so pour one out, whoever you are. these are only lyrics now.",

"i was referring to the present in the past tense, it's the only way i could survive it",

"i want to sing this song like i'm dying",

"can you show me how to cry?",

"in the afternoon, you're out on the stone and grass, and i'm sleeping on the balcony after class".

"how am i supposed to pretend i never want to see you again?",

"are you sick of me? would you like to be?",

"do the wires in your mind get sewn together, rubbed and severed by the heat",

"you don't know how long i could stare into your picture, and wish that it was me",

"i guess it's different 'cause you love him, but i've got an interactive, sick and twisted imagination, and that's gotta count for something",

"you should hear when you're not around, when it's just us horny poets, who can't wait to write it down, and swear we were only being honest",

"they say the devil that you know is better than the devil that you don't".

"give me something more for my wild imagination, tell me more than a sick fascination",

"you're with all the time, always at the back of my mind",

"this is the sin that i will confess to release myself from consequence, and everyone can tell",

"this is the room, one afternoon i knew i could love you, and from above how i sank into your soul, into that secret place where no one dares to go",

"how strange it is to be anything at all",

"placing fingers through notches in your spine",

"and when her spirit left her body, how it split the sun, i know that she will live forever, all goes on and on and on",

"we must talk in every telephone, get eaten off the web. we must rip out all the epilogues of books that we have read.",

"and in the ear of every anarchist that sleeps but doesn't dream, we must sing, we must sing, we must sing",

"while my mother waters plants, my father loads his gun. he says, "death will bring us back to god, just like the setting sun is returned to the lonesome ocean."",

"we must hang up in the belfry where the bats and moonlight laugh, we must stare into a crystal ball and only see the past. and in the caverns of tomorrow with just our flashlights and our love, we must plunge, we must plunge, we must plunge.",

"oh, my morning's coming back, the whole world's waking up. all the city buses swimming past, and i'm happy just because i found out i am really no one.",

"i've been sleepin' so strange, with a head full of pesticide",

"she took a small silver wreath and pinned it onto me, she said, "this one will bring you love." i don't know if it's true but i keep it for good luck.",

"i know that it is freezing, but i think we have to walk.",

"i know you have a heavy heart, i can feel it when we kiss",

"just keep going to the bathroom, always say you'll be right back. well, it takes one to know one, kid, i think you've got it bad.",

"i got a flask inside my pocket, we can share it on the train. and if you promise to stay conscious, i will try and do the same.",

"so i will find my fears and face them or i will cower like a dog, i will kick and scream or kneel and plead, i will fight like hell to hide that i am giving up",

"let's fuck it up boys, make some noise!",

"the sun came up with no conclusion, flowers sleeping in their beds, the city's cemetery's humming, i'm wide awake, it's morning!",

"persona non grata, i'm the last of the best, i'm your thoughts in the swamp",

"going to scream when i sing, going to die in the rain",

"turn me on, you're a knockout, climb up onto my cloud. do your worst to me now, before i change my mind.",

"i will help you swim, i will help you swim, i'm gonna help you swim",

"hey man, i love you, but no fucking way!",

"make sure you kiss your knuckles before you punch me in the face",

"if you still believe in the lord above, get on your hands and knees and pray for us",

"but you're a killer, and i'm your best friend",

"i try to write you poems, but the words, they don't make sense. my hand tries to grip the pencil but my fingers are too tense. i try to show emotion but my eyes won't seem to wet. and i'd love to tell you stories but i don't remember how they went.",

"bullshit, you fucking miss me!",

"the moon will sing a song for me, i loved you like the sun. bore the shadows that you made with no light of my own. i shine only with the light you gave me.",

"on some level i think i always understood, that these hands of mine were clumsy, not clever. and i tried to do the best i could, but try as i might, i could not bring myself to hold you.",

"there is love that doesn't have a place to rest, but it would've buried you if it had settled on your shoulders. ",

"there are times when i still wonder about you, you are someone i have loved but never known".

"you'll never see the reasons i had for keeping my claws away when they were close enough to hurt you",

"i am selfish, i am broken, i am cruel. i am all the things they might've said to you.",

"do you ever think of me and my two hands? and wonder why they never soothed your fevers? and wonder why they never tied your shoes? and wonder why they never held you gently? and wonder why they never had the chance to lose you?",

"i know that you mean so well, but i am not a vessel for your good intent.",

"i will only break your pretty things, i will wring you dry of everything. i will poison all your happy thoughts, i will love you like the ashes in my cigarette box. but if you're fine with that, you can be mine like that.",

"you and me, we're not the same: i am a sinner, you are a saint",

"i've found love in the strangest place, tied up and branded, locked in a cage",

"you stood beside me when i was out of my mind, i broke the glass and you were there to sweep it aside. and if you leave me, rest assured it would kill me.",

"i make a mess, and you'll be there to help me undress. i'll be unclean, i'll be obscene, you be the rest.",

"use your teeth and your mouth, cut in deep, pull it out, oh no, i'm aroused now. ",

"i'm just a ghost out of his grave",

"i will be kind and i will be sweet, if you stop staring straight through me",

"the doctor put her hands over my liver, she told me my resentment's getting smaller",

"born under scorpio skies, i wanted to see the world through your eyes until it happened, then i changed my mind.",

"either i'm careless or i wanna get caught",

"so i will wait for the next time you want me, like a dog with a bird at your door",

"and if i could give you the moon, i would give you the moon",

"you are sick, and you're married, and you might be dying, but you're holding me like water in your hands",

"sweating through your sheets, you're gonna drown in your sleep, for sure",

"all the bad dreams that you hide, show me yours, i'll show you mine",

"if you're a work of art, i'm standing too close, i can see the brushstrokes",

"i'm always pushing you away from me, but you come back with gravity",

"you're nobody till somebody wants you dead".

"i hate you for what you did, and i miss you like a little kid",

"i have emotional motion sickness, somebody roll the windows down",

"there are no words in the english language, i could scream to drown you out",

"you were in a band when i was born",

"i have emotional motion sickness, i try to stay clean and live without, but i want to know what would happen if i surrender to the sound",

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"do you feel ashamed when you hear my name?",
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"and i hope when you think of me years down the line, you can't find one good thing to say, and i hope if i found the strength to walk out, you'd stay the hell out of my way.",

"i am drowning, there is no sign of land. you are coming down with me, hand in unlovable hand, and i hope you die, i hope we both die.",

"come rest your bones next to me, and toss all your thoughts to the sea",

"stand up fucking tall, don't let them see your back, take my fucking hand and never be afraid again",

"cross the patron saint of switchblade fights",

"oh, how wrong we were to think that immortality meant never dying",

"i'd end my days with you, in a hail of bullets",

"all we are is bullets, i mean this",

"our phantoms forever, forever",

"we'll meet again when both our cars collide",

"sister, i'm not much a poet but a criminal",

"give me all your poison and give me all your pills, give me all your hopeless hearts and make me ill",

"clean me off, i'm so dirty, babe!",

"when i grow up, i want to be nothing at all!",

"drop the dagger and lather the blood on your hands, romeo!",

"tell me i'm a bad man, kick me like a stray / tell me i'm an angel, take this to my grave",

"you should've raised a baby girl, i could've been a better son",

"i am not afraid to keep on living, i am not afraid to walk this world alone",

"i'm the kind of human wreckage that you love",

"the future is bulletproof, the aftermath is secondary",

"everybody wants to change the world, but no one wants to die",

"blow a kiss at the methane skies, see the rust through your playground eyes",

"and so he gets to die a saint but she will always be the whore",

"will you welcome your extinction in the morning rays?",

"spend the rest of your days rockin' out just for the dead",

"to my favourite liar, to my favourite scar, i could have died with you",

"so bury me in memory",

"when you catch fire, i wouldn't piss to put you out",

"stop burning bridges, and drive off of them",

"this is side one, flip me over. i know i'm not your favourite record. the songs you grow to like never stick at first, so i'm writing you a chorus, and here is your verse!",

"i could be an accident, but i'm still trying",

"you were the last good thing about this part of town",

"i'm good to go, and im going nowhere fast",

"and i'm coasting on potential towards the wall and a hundred miles per hour",

"and i read about the afterlife but i never really lived more than an hour",

"tonight the headphones will deliver you the words that i can't say, a million miles away",

[&]quot;anyway, don't be a stranger",

[&]quot;i am sick of the chase, but i'm stupid in love. and there's nothing i can do.",

"my insides are copper, i'll kill to make them gold",

"you can thank your lucky stars, everything i wish for will never come true",

"i have seen sinking ships go down with more grace than you",

"every pane of glass that your pebbles tap negates the pains i went through to avoid you, and every little pat on my shoulder for attention fails to mention i still hate you",

"the only thing you'll get is this curse on your lips, i hope they taste of me forever, forever".

"with every breath i wish your body would be broken again",

"i want to hate you half as much as i hate myself, know that i can crush you with my voice".

"stood on my rooftop and tried to see you forgetting about me",

"i hate the way you say my name like it's something secret",

"my pen is the barrel of the gun, remind me which side you should be on",

"wish i was as invisible as you make me feel",

"he's well-hung and i am hanging up",

"what meant the world imploded, inflated then demoted all my oxygen to product gas, suffocated my last chance",

"the ribbon on my wrist says, "do not open before christmas"",

"you only hold me up like this, 'cause you don't know who i really am",

"i used to waste my time dreaming of being alive (now i only waste it dreaming of you)",

"i've got headaches and bad luck but they couldn't touch you",

"i'm two quarters and a heart down, but i don't wanna forget how your voice sounds",

"these words are all i have so i'll write them, so you need them just to get by",

"why don't you show me a little bit of spine you've been saving for his mattress, love?",

"i only want sympathy in the form of you crawling into bed with me",

"am i more than you bargained for yet?",

"lie in the grass, next to the mausoleum",

"i'm just a notch in your bedpost, but you're just a line in a song",

"i'll be your number one with a bullet, a loaded god complex, cock it and pull it",

"don't mind me i'm watching you two from the closet, wishing to be the friction in your ieans",

"keep quiet, nothing comes as easy as you, can i lay in your bed all day?",

"i'll be your best kept secret and your biggest mistake, hand behind the pen relieves a failure everyday",

"i keep my jealousy close 'cause it's all mine",

"so wear me like a locket around your throat, i'll weigh you down, i'll watch you choke (you look so good in blue)",

"joke me something awful just like kisses on the necks of best friends".

"i just want to be known for my hits not just my misses, i took a shot and didn't even come close".

"i'm hopelessly hopeful, you're just hopeless enough",

"i'm sleeping my way out of this one, with anyone who will lie down. i'll be stuck fixated on one star when the whole world's crashing down.",

"i keep telling myself i'm not the desperate type (but you've got me looking in through blinds)",

"i'm having another episode, i just need a stronger dose...",

"i swear, i'd burn this city down just to show you the light",

"you are a getaway car, a rush of blood to the head",

"i found a cure to growing older, and you're the only place that feels like home",

"someone old, no one new. feeling borrowed, always you.",

"i don't blame you for being you, but you can't blame me for hating it",

"it's mind over you don't matter",

"i used to obsess over living, now i only obsess over you. ",

"tell me you'd like boys like me better, in the dark lying on top of you.",

"i comb the crowd and pick you out, my mouth moves too fast for you to figure it out",

"to the love, i left my conscience pressed between the pages of the bible in the drawer, "what did it ever do for me?", i say. it never calls me when i'm down, love never wanted me, but i took it anyway!".

"put your ears to the speakers, choose love or sympathy",

"i got your love letters, corrected the grammar and sent them back. it's true romance is dead, i shot it in the chest then in the head.",

"i've never seen a heart i couldn't break",

"i'm casually obsessed and i have forgiven death, i am indifferent yet i am a total wreck",

"i'm every cliche, but i simply do it best",

"i went to sleep a poet and i woke up a fraud",

"so long live the car crash hearts",

"baby, seasons change but people don't",

"i'm a leading man, and the lies i weave are oh, so intricate",

"crashing not like hips or cars, but more like parties",

"i only keep myself this sick in the head 'cause i know how the words get you (off!)",

"and the best way to make it through with hearts and wrists intact is to realise "two out of three ain't bad"".

"the road outside my house is paved with good intentions, hire a construction crew 'cause it's hell on the engines",

"i thought i loved you, but it was just how you looked in the light",

"a teenage vow in the parking lot, till tonight do us part, i sing the blues and swallow them too".

"i love you in the same way there's a chapel in the hospital, one foot in your bedroom and one foot out the door.",

"he tastes like you only sweeter",

"i'm a stitch away from making it, and a scar from falling apart",

"cut it loose, watch you work the room.",

"take two years and call me when you're better, take teardrops of mine, find yourself wetter",

"i couldn't bring myself to call except to call it quits",

"racing through the city, windows down, in the back of yellow-checkered cars",

"i can't commit to a thing, be it heart or hospital",

"the tombstones were waiting, they were half-engraved. they knew it was over, just didn't know the date. and i cast a spell over the west to make you think of me, the same way i think of you. this is a love song in my own way, happily ever after below the waist.",

"signing off, "i'm alright in bed but i'm better with a pen"",

"the kid was alright, but it went to his head",

"i am god's gift, but why would he bless me with such wit without a conscience equipped?",

"i'm addicted to the way i feel when i think of you, it's too much green to feel blue",

"you're a canary, i'm a coal mine",

"lips pressed close to mine, true blue",

"trade baby-blues for wide-eyed browns, i sleep with your old shirts and walk through this house, in your shoes, i know it's strange. it's a strange way of saying i'm supposed to love you, i'm supposed to love you.",

"threw caution to the wind but i've got a lousy arm",

"i've traced your shadows on the walls, now i kiss them whenever i'm down",

"born under a bad sign, you saved my life that night on the roof of your hotel",

"photo-proofed kisses i remembered so well",

"i'm a loose bolt of a complete machine",

"what a match, i'm half-doomed and you're semi-sweet",

"boycott love, detox just to retox",

"say my name and his in the same breath, i dare you to say they taste the same",

"i don't care what you think as long as it's about me",

"the best of us can find happiness in misery",

"take a chance, let your body get a tolerance. i'm not a chance, put a heatwave in your pants. pull a breath like another cigarette, pawnshop heart, i'm trading up.",

"free love on the streets but in the alley it ain't that cheap, now",

"i must confess, i'm in love with my own sins",

"but i will never end up like him (behind my back i already am)",

"i wanna scream "i love you" from the top of my lungs, but i'm afraid that someone else will hear me",

"kick drum beating in my chest again, preach electric to a microphone stand",

"they say the captain goes down with the ship, so when the world ends, will god go down with it?".

"if "home is where the heart is" then we're all just fucked.",

"my mind is a safe, if i keep it then we all get rich, my body is an orphanage, "we take everyone in"",

"doing lines of dust and sweat off last night's stage just to feel like you",

"dear gravity, you held me down in this starless city",

"my head's in heaven, my soles are in hell – let's meet in the purgatory of my hips and get well",

"i want to get stuck and be golden in your memory",

"i'm stray dog sick, please let me in",

"it's not me, it's you, actually, it's the taxidermy of you and me. ",

"oh hell yes, i'm a nervous wreck",

"your eyes are blocking my starlight, i'm the last of my kind (and that's all that should matter to you!)",

"follow the disorganised religion of my head and we'll never get through customs, let's just take off again instead",

"got my degree in the gutter, my heart broken in the dorms of the ivy league",

"i want to make you as lonely as me, so you can get addicted to this now",

"i've got the scars from tomorrow and i wish you could see that you're the antidote to everything except for me",

"a constellation of tears on your lashes, burn everything you love then burn the ashes",

"my childhood spat back out the monster that you see",

"my heart is like a stallion, they love it more when it's broken",

"i will drift to you if you make yourself shake fast enough",

"you know i only wanted fun then you got me all fucked up on love",

"i looked for your name on the ouija board and you're naked magic, oh dear lord",

"i thought of angels choking on their halos, get them drunk on rose water, see how dirty i can get them pulling out their fragile teeth, and clip their tiny wings",

"anything you say can and will be held against you, so only say my name",

"if heaven's grief brings hell's rain, then i'll trade all of my tomorrows for just one yesterday",

"we should've left our love in the gutter where we found it",

"i'm either fuckin' or workin', so the grind don't stop / they say i've got screws missing, well hell, only when i'm missing you / hell yeah i'm a dick, girl, addicted to you",

"chlorine-kissed summer skin, i miss missing you, now and then",

"the person that you'll take a bullet for is behind the trigger",

"are you ready for another bad poem?",

"i'm the lonelier version of you, i just don't know where i went wrong",

"you are what you love, not who loves you",

"you're second-hand smoke, i breathe you in, but honey, i don't know what you're doing to me".

"altar boys, altered boys, we're the things that love destroyed",

"bruises on your thighs like my fingerprints",

"i am the opposite of amnesia",

"fall to your knees, bring on the rapture, blessed be the boys time can't capture",

"and in the end, i'd do it all again, i think you're my best friend",

"maul the world like a carnival bear set free",

"your love is anemic and i can't believe that you couldn't see it coming from me",

"sometimes i just wanna sit around and gaze at my shoes, and let your dirty sadness fill me up just like a balloon",

"you and i were fireworks that went off too soon, and i miss you in the june gloom too",

"i said i'd never miss you but i guess you'll never know, may the bridges i have burnt light my way back home",

"you are my favourite "what if", you are my best "i'll never know"",

"in between being young and being right, you were my versailles at night",

"and all my thoughts of you, they could heat or cool the room",

"i wish i'd known how much you loved me, i wish i cared enough to know",

"i'm sorry every song's about you, the torture of small talk with someone you used to love".

"i spin for you like your favourite records used to",

"even at the best of times i'm out of my mind",

"i wonder if your therapist knows everything about me",

"i just can't pretend we were lovers first, confidants but never friends... were we ever friends?".

"the distance between us, it sharpens me like a knife",

"there's nothing more cruel than to be loved by everybody but you",

"if you were church, i'd get on my knees",

"and in the end if i don't make it on the list, would you sneak me a wristband?",

"you're the one habit i just can't kick",

"if i can live through this, i can do anything",

"i don't even have my own attention",

"i lived so much life, i think that god is gonna have to kill me twice",

"spiritual revolt from the waist down",

"the glow of the cities below lead us back, to the places that we never should have left",

"i'm yours, till the world starts to crumble and the heavens roll away",

"what would you trade the pain for? i'm not sure.",

"nowhere left for us to go but heaven, a summer falling through our fingers again",

"i never go, i just want to be invited",

"fever dream, tangerine sweat",

"you put the fun into dysfunction",

"part-time soulmate, full-time problem",

"hold me like a grudge",

"kiss my cheek, baby please, would you read my eulogy?",

"i will never ask you for anything except to dream sweet of me",

"scar-crossed lovers, forever. here we are, untouched forever.",

"half your life, you've been hooked on death",

"twice the dreams, but half the love",

"i know i've made mistakes, but at least they were mine to make",

"late at night in my room, lie awake, think of you and all your little dooms",

"last night i dreamt i still knew you",

"i carved out a place in this world for two, but it's empty without you",

"all this love i've gotta keep to myself, all this effort to make it look effortless",

"what is there between us, if not a little annihilation?",

"i feel like something that's been stretched out over and over again, till i'm creased and i'm about to break right down the middle, split me right down the middle",

"the stars are the same as ever, but i don't have the guts to keep it together, stuck in the permafrost",

"ache it till you make it",

"i think i've been going through it, and i've been putting your name to it",

"in another life, you were the sunshine of my lifetime",

"i just want to be better than your head's only medicine",

"i'm just a man on the balcony, singing, 'nobody will ever remember me",

"composer but never composed, singing the symphonies of the overdosed",

"it's hard to miss you when you are always on the tip of my tongue",

"i could dissect you and gut you on this stage, not as eloquent as i imagined but it will get the job done",

"hey moon, please forget to fall down",

"i know the world's a broken bone, but melt your headaches call it home",

"put another 'x' on the calendar, summer's on his deathbed, there is simply nothing worse than knowing how it ends",

"i can be a handful, but that's why you have two hands",

"i learnt my passion in the good ol' fashioned school of lover boys",

"we were born sick, you heard them say it",

"the only heaven i'll be sent to is when i'm alone with you",

"take me to church, i'll worship like a dog at the shrine of your lies, i'll tell you my sins so you can sharpen your knife. offer me that deathless death, good god, let me give you my life.",

"there is no sweeter innocence than our gentle sin",

"in the madness and soil, of that sad earthly scene, only then i am human, only then i am clean".

"lurched like a stray to the arms that were open, no shortage of sordid, no protest from me",

"feeling more human and hooked on her flesh, i lay my heart down with the rest at her feet. fresh from the fields, all fetor and fertile, it's bloody and raw but i swear it is sweet.",

"leashless confusion, i wander the concrete, wonder if better now having survived. jarring of judgement and reason's defeat, the sweet heat of her breath in my mouth, i'm alive.",

"with my mid-youth crisis all said and done, i need to be youthfully felt 'cause, god, i've never felt young",

"she's gonna save me, call me 'baby', run her hands through my hair / she'll know me crazy, soothe me daily, better yet, she wouldn't care",

"we tried the world, good god, it wasn't for us",

"so i fall in love just a little ol' little bit everyday with someone new",

"you don't know what hell you put me through to have someone kiss the skin that crawls from you, to feel your weight in arms i'd never use, it's the god that heroin prays to",

"honey, you're familiar like my mirror years ago",

"idealism sits in prison, chivalry fell on its sword. innocence died screaming, honey, ask me, i should know.",

"i slithered here from eden just to sit outside your door",

"so long, we'd become the flowers, two corpses we were, two corpses i saw",

"they'd find us in a week, when the buzzards get loud. after the insects have made their claim, after the foxes have known our taste, after the raven has had its say, i'd be home with you.",

"when my time comes around, lay me gently in the cold, dark earth. no grave could hold my body down, i'll crawl home to her.",

"we should just kiss like real people do",

"don't let me in with no intention to keep me, jesus christ, don't be kind to me. honey, don't feed me, i will come back (don't you hear me howling?)",

"my dearest love, i'm not done yet",

"remember once i told you about how before i heard it from your mouth, my name would always hit my ears with such an awful sound",

"i would still be surprised i could find you, darlin', in any life",

"heaven is not fit to house a love like you and i",

"and though i burn how could i fall?",

"honey, i want to race you to the table",

"wish i'd known it was just our turn to get blamed for a world we had no power in",

"the first car was like wings on an angel, before the whole wide world got too thin. i swear goodwill kept up the engine, you were steering my heart like a wheel in your hands, darlin'!".

"all i needed was someone when the whole wide world felt young",

"hold me like water, or christ, hold me like a knife",

"the feeling came late, i'm still glad i met you. the memory hurts, but does me no harm. your hand in my pocket, to keep us both warm.",

"i remember the view, streetlights in the dark blue. the moment i knew, i'd no choice but to love you",

"do you know i could break beneath the weight of the goodness, love, i still carry for you. that i'd walk so far just to take the injury of finally knowing you",

"i'd be appalled if i saw you ever try to be a saint, i wouldn't fall for someone i thought couldn't misbehave".

"i couldn't utter my love when it counted, ah, but i'm singing like a bird 'bout it now",

"remember me love, when i'm reborn, as a shrike to your sharp and glorious thorn",

"i'd suffer hell if you tell me what you'd do to me tonight",

"let there be hotel complaints and grievances made with that kind of love, let there be damage ensued and tabloid news with that kind of love",

"wasteland, baby, i'm in love with you",

"be still my indelible friend, you are unbreaking",

"you're growing tired of me, you love me so hard and i still can't sleep",

"i fell in love with a war, nobody told me it ended",

"i could stare at your back all day... and i know that i've kissed you before, but i didn't do it right, can i try again?",

"i know who you pretend i am",

"two slow dancers, last ones out",

"i want a love that falls as fast as a body from a balcony, i want a kiss like my heart is hitting the ground",

"so please, hurry, leave me, i can't breathe, please don't say you love me",

"one word from you and i would jump off of this ledge i'm on, baby. tell me 'don't', so i can crawl back in.",

"i don't know what to do without you, i don't know where to put my hands",

"i don't need the world to see that i've been the best that i can be, but i don't think i can stand to be where you don't see me",

"i look up at the gaps of sunlight, i miss you more than anything",

"so if you need to be mean, be mean to me. i can take it and put it inside me. if your hands need to break more than trinkets in your room, you can lean on my arm as you break my heart.",

"he only loves me when there's a means to the end",

"they'll never know how i'd stared at the dark in the room with no thoughts like a blood-sniffing shark. and while my dreams made music in the night, carefully, i was going to live.",

"you'd say you love me and look in my eyes, but i know through mine, you were looking at yours",

"i always wanted to die clean and pretty, but i'd be too busy on working days",

"i get mean when i'm nervous like a bad dog",

"i pretended you were mine, it made me calm, babe",

"nothing in this world belongs to me, but my love, mine all mine",

"you believe me like a god, i'll destroy you like i am",

"you believe me like a god, i'll betray you like a man",

"but if i gave up on being pretty, i wouldn't know how to be alive, i should move to a brand new city and teach myself how to die",

"my heart wants to hold you, but I know the rules.",

"let's shake this poet out of the beast",

"if you're going, take the train, so i can hear it rumble, one last rumble. and when you go, take this heart, i'll make no more use of it when there's no more you.",

"one morning, this sadness will fossilize and i will forget how to cry",

"you have so much to do and i have nothing ahead of me",

"don't wait for me, i can't come",

"you're the one, you're all i ever wanted, i think i'll regret this.",

"i bet on losing dogs, i always want you when i'm finally fine, how'd you be over me looking in my eyes when i come, someone to watch me die, someone to watch me die",

"my body is made of crushed little stars and i'm not doing anything",

"i wanna see the whole world, i don't know how i'm gonna pay rent",

"wild horses running through your hollow bones",

"i'm tired of wanting more, i think i'm finally worn",

"i've been a forest fire, i am a forest fire. and i am the fire, and i am the forest, and i am the witness watching it. i stand in a valley watching it, and you are not there at all.",

"i'll love some littler things",

"i don't blame you if you want to bury me in your memory, i'm not the girl i ought to be",

"there's some kind of burning inside me, it's kept me from falling apart. and i'm sure that you've seen what it's done to my heart, but it's kept me from falling apart.",

"now i lay here as i wonder about you, would you just tell me what i'm meant to do?",

"you know, you made me happy. here, shake my hand, you make such a good man, never once did you know me.",

"and maybe you offered me all that i yearned for, but i was still waiting for something to earn. silly me, waiting.",

"i love everybody because i love you",

"all i need, darling, is a life in your shape, i picture it soft and i ache",

"nobody knows my lover is buried underground",

"mom, will you wash my back this once and then we can forget? and i'll leave what i'm chasing for the other girls to pursue",

"mom, am i still young? can i dream for a few months more?",

"if you were a teacher, i would fail your class, take it over and over again till you noticed me",

"i wanna be the power ballad that lifts you up and holds you down, i wanna be the broken love song that feeds your misery",

"but you're breathing in my open mouth, you're the gun in my lips that will blow my brains out",

"know it's for the better",

"you know i talk too much, so honey, come put your lips on mine and shut me up",

"can you read my mind? i've been watching you. couldn't fight to save your life, but you looked so cool.".

"i owe you a black eye and two kisses, tell me when you wanna come and get 'em",

"there's only one thing that we have in common, neither of us will be missed.",

"saint bernard sits on the top of the driveway, you always said how you loved dogs. i don't know if i count, but i'm trying my best, when i'm howling and barking this song.",

"i'm letting all you horses go",

"one last kiss, i love you like i need a gaping head wound",

"thank you for the gesture, i regret ever implying that you could be better. didn't mean to empty your perfect body, and fill it with my passing will.",

"get drunk in the dark, laughing aloud at the spinning stars",

"believe me, i'm speaking plainly and painfully, trying to stay elegant, eloquent, and akin to you. i see you holding your arms outstretched, waiting for someone to come rip open your chest.".

"am i a masochist, resisting urges to punch you in the teeth, call you a bitch and leave? why did i come here? to sit and watch you stare at your feet? what was the plan? absolve your guilt and shake hands?",

"i feel no need to forgive, but i might as well. but let me kiss your lips, so i know how it felt.",

"pay for my coffee and leave before the sun goes down, walk for hours in the dark feeling all hell",

"god loves you, but not enough to save you",

"so i met him there and told him i believe, singing, 'if it's meant to be then it will be', i forgive it all as it comes back to me.",

"oh the tide, tumbling from your eyes",

"you will always be fond of me. i represent to you all the sins you never had the courage to commit.",

"to define is to limit",

"we are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars",

"and as he stares into the sky, there are twice as many stars as usual",

"the number of hours we have together is actually not so large. please linger near the door uncomfortably instead of just leaving. please forget your scarf in my life and come back later for it.",

"tell me about the dream where we pull the bodies out of the lake and dress them in warm clothes again",

"tell me how all this, and love too, will ruin us. these, our bodies, possessed by light. tell me we'll never get used to it.",

"we're shooting the scene where i swallow your heart and you make me spit it up again. i swallow your heart and it crawls right out of my mouth. you swallow my heart and flee, but i want it back now, baby.",

"someone once told me that explaining is an admission of failure. i'm sure you remember, i was on the phone with you, sweetheart.",

"i know history, there are many names in history but none of them are ours.",

"i wanted to be wanted and he was very beautiful, kissed with his eyes closed, and only felt good while moving.",

"sorry about the blood in your mouth. i wish it was mine.",

"i couldn't get the boy to kill me, but i wore his jacket for the longest time.",

"tell me you love this, tell me you're not miserable",

"i want to tell you this story without having to confess anything, without having to say that i ran out into the street to prove something, that he didn't love me, that i wanted to be thrown over, possessed.".

"tell me we're dead and i'll love you even more",

"and he wouldn't kiss me, but he covered my body with his body and held me down until i promised not to run back out into the street again.",

"so maybe i wanted to give you something more than a catalog of non-definitive acts, something other than the desperation.",

"hello darling, sorry about that. sorry about the bony elbows, sorry we lived here, sorry about the scene at the bottom of the stairwell and how i ruined everything by saying it out loud.",

"you see, i take the parts that i remember and stitch them back together to make a creature that will do what i say or love me back.",

"here is the repeated image of the lover destroyed. crossed out. clumsy hands in a dark room. crossed out. there is something underneath the floorboards. crossed out.",

"love, for you, is larger than the usual romantic love. it's like a religion. it's terrifying. no one will ever want to sleep with you.",

"dear forgiveness, i saved a plate for you, quit milling around the yard and come inside.",

"a man takes his sadness down to the river and throws it in the river but then he's still left with the river. a man takes his sadness and throws it away but then he's still left with his hands.",

"you should have asked for more because he couldn't care less, either way",

"the man on top of you is teaching you how to hate.",

"you wanted to think of yourself as someone who did these kinds of things. you wanted to be in love and he happened to get in the way.",

"you realise the one person in the world who loves you isn't the one you thought it would be, and you don't trust him enough to love you in a way you would enjoy. ",

"you thought if you handed over your body he'd do something interesting.",

"you take the things you love and tear them apart or you pin them down with your body and pretend they're yours.",

"you've kissed him, and he'll never forgive you, and maybe now he'll leave you alone.",

"you're by the side of the road and you're doing all the talking while i stare at my shoes. they're nice shoes, brown and comfortable, and i like your voice.",

"you are a fever i am learning to live with, and everything is happening at the wrong end of a very long tunnel.",

"here is my hand, my heart, my throat, my wrist. here are the illuminated cities at the centre of me, and here is the centre of me, which is a lake, which is a well we can drink from, but i can't go through with it. i just don't want to die anymore.",

"you want to die for love, you always have",

"you're going to die in your best friend's arms and you play along because it's funny, because it's written down, you've memorised it, it's all you know.",

"i say i want you inside me and you hold my head underwater, i say i want you inside me and you split me open with a knife.",

"did he find that one last tender place to sink his teeth in?",

"i think i'd rather keep the bullet. it's mine, see, i'm not giving it up. this way you still owe me, and that's as good as anything. ",

"you can't get out of this one, henry, you can't get it out of me, and with this bullet lodged inside my chest, covered with your name, i will turn myself into a gun, because i'm hungry and hollow and just want something to call my own.",

"do you want it, do you want anything i have? will you throw me to the ground like you mean it, reach inside and wrestle it out with your bare hands? if you love me, henry, you don't love me in a way i understand.",

"this is where the evening splits in half, henry, love or death. grab an end, pull hard, and make a wish.",

"he's pointing at you with a glass of milk as if he's trying to tell you that there is some sort of shining star now buried deep inside you and he has to dig it out with a knife.",

"you confuse his hands with the room",

"do we mean something when we talk? is it enough that we are shuddering from the sound?",

"the one in front will want to take you apart, and slowly. his deft and stubby fingers searching every shank and lock for weaknesses. you could love this boy with all your heart.",

"they are the same and they hate each other for it.",

you have never experienced anything this ferocious or intentional with another person.",

"let's say you've swallowed a bad thing and now it's got its hands inside you. this is the essence of love and failure.",

"this is how you make the meaning, you take two things and try to define the space between them.",

"you just wanted to prove there was one safe place, just one safe place where you could love him. you have not found that place yet. you have not made that place yet. you are here. you're still right here.",

"leave the lights on. keep talking. i'll keep walking toward the sound of your voice.",

"you're in a car with a beautiful boy, and he won't tell you that he loves you, but he loves you. and you feel like you've done something terrible, like robbed a liquor store, or swallowed pills, or shoveled yourself a grave in the dirt, and you're tired.",

"you're in a car with a beautiful boy, and you're trying not to tell him that you love him, and you're trying to choke down the feeling, and you're trembling, but he reaches over and he touches you, like a prayer for which no words exist.",

"i sleep. i dream. i make up things that i would never say. i say them very quietly.",

"we have not touched the stars, nor are we forgiven.",

"a gentleness that comes, not from the absence of violence, but despite the abundance of it",

"i'll give you my heart to make a place for it to happen, evidence of a love that transcends hunger. is that too much to expect? that i would name the stars for you? that i would take you there?",

"i made this place for you. a place for you to love me.",

"i wanted to hurt you but the victory is that i could not stomach it.",

"we are all going forward. none of us are going back.",

"you and i have begun to blur",

"i gave you a rare gift, but you didn't want it. / didn't i?",

"see. this is all i ever wanted for you, will. for both of us.",

"when i said that i'd return to you i meant more like a relapse",

"i'd hate to amputate this artificial limb, but staring at you my eyes are growing dim. i can't even blame you for looking so smug, i have to admit you're one hell of a drug.",

"but i never asked for immunity, that's the difference between you and me. all i wanted was someone who was just like me and i hate myself for that.",

"but i am the gentle cannibal, i promise to eat you softly — you won't notice a thing",

"all i know is one of us was supposed to kill the other, isn't that what they mean when they say "lovers"? but murder is dirty and peace comes cheap, so here's my new number, tell me when you're free.",

"i fell in love with my fate as it crushed me to death",

"he's easy to desire since there's not much to him, vague and smeary in his ochers, in his umbers, burning in an open field",

"i can be your dog or your bullet but i'm always astray",

"wrote you a goodbye note (you just wrote me off)",

"the takeoffs are the worse but the skin from your shoulder to your ear makes it all worth it.",

"and i'm sorry the way my moods flicker on and off like an old light on your porch, but i know you wouldn't have it any other way.",

"love is the way to blow your brains out minus the gun, i swear. it's the stupidest form of suicide 'cause you don't die.",

"i'm just loose words hanging on the ends of your lips, even looser when i'm anywhere near your hips.",

"someone has to leave first. this is a very old story. there is no other version of this story.",

"the enormity of my desire disgusts me",

"i may think of you softly from time to time. but i'll cut off my hand before i ever reach for you again.",

"you are going to break your promise. i understand. and i hold my hands over the ears of my heart, so that i will not hate you.",

"i miss him in the weeping of the rain, i want him at the shrinking of the tide",

"and entering with relief some quiet place / where never fell his foot or shone his face / i say, "there is no memory of him here!" / and so stand stricken, so remembering him.",

"all my grief says the same thing: this isn't how it's supposed to be. this isn't how it's supposed to be. and the world laughs, holds my hope by the throat and says "but this is how it is."",

"i will never be your alibi",

"i'm not your dog.",

] } "who will come into my kitchen and be hungry for me?",

"to live past the end of your myth is a perilous thing",

"so we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.",

"when i desire you a part of me is gone.",

"all this beauty is also ruin.",

"i am afraid i will spend entire years trying not to need you. as if i wasn't certain. as if this wasn't my confession.",

"when you left i walked into the ocean. not to drown but to be held by something reluctant to let go.",

"i love you – i do – but i am afraid of making that love too important. because you're always going to leave me. we can't deny it. you're always going to leave.",

"hand on my heart. hand on my stupid heart.",

"and thank you, too, this knuckleheaded heart, this pelican heart, this gap-toothed heart flinging open its gaudy maw to the sky",

"the center of every poem is this: i have loved you. i have had to deal with that.",

"won't you kiss me on the mouth and love me like a sailor, and when you get a taste can you tell me what's my flavour? i don't believe in god but i believe that you're my saviour.",

"you know where to find me, and i know where to look."