



In My Cups Ava Daughtery, The Woodlands High School

Inhale and exhale Rise and slowly sink into the horizon Walk, Run, Sprint – And suddenly be stopped by the phantom air in my lungs Receive and reciprocate Love and be loved

I want to hold you like a child Sing you a birdsong Clasp you in my hands and keep you to myself *Please* Drink from my cup Plant your seeds in my soul Grow on me like a deathless weed Float in my waters and wash yourself of worry

The wisteria flower is a snake, Injecting its venom wherever sunlight appears Sink your fangs into my heart! Choke me with your vine! So that your rich purple blooms might outlast this ephemeral body

I am a fool who takes her daily wine A shaded sapling warping towards the sun Drunk on love which was never mine