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times i
fell in love
----- this year



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Absence/Presence

Something's been taken away from me before I was born

I nurse the absence the way you pick a scab

The absence is a scar into a wound, into a scar
that reopens into a wound and scars into a wound again

It opens and closes like a breathing mouth

The absence will bleed me dry and when it finally exhales again, I think, this absence will kill me

Something's been taken away from me before I was born

So I grieve something that never existed

I grieve the love I could never give you

I grieve the good things you could never show me,
because it was taken away from you, because you have an absence, too

I grieve, I grieve thickly, like blood

I grieve, and I'm overjoyed

In the presence of so much love I wish I could give you

In the presence of so much love that I can't believe I ever felt an absence

In the presence of a love I felt so deeply and stupidly, like a fish feels water, like a fetus in the womb

In the process of a love so precious I never knew it could be shared

I think of the absence, waiting for its bated breath, and when it finally exhales again, I hold a cup to its dribbling mouth

And I drink



R

I cried on the plane
I cried in the dark
She loved you, you know?
you said,
I know
I loved her too

I cried in that thick silent air
that made every word so much longer and
louder

Like we had to hold onto it harder
Because no word alone would be enough

But
You loved her too
And it was like the truest thing I ever heard

I cried between your 4 walls
I know
Because we loved her too

BYE BYE

On the street to say goodbye,

You face the sunset directly

And walk downhill

There is gushing light on the horizon, soft and direct like a puckered kiss, and it blurs everything ahead with its brightness

You walk with no end in sight, as if on a conveyor belt off a cliff

I think if we take one step big enough, we'll fall off the face of the earth

I think it's scary

I think we should just turn around

Where the horizon is a straight line

And the street goes

Where I want us to stay



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