

## **All Hallow's Eve**

By Halloween I was better  
Better than the breakup  
Better than the sting

By Halloween I had been forged in fire  
Flames of sickness, stress, and heartbreak

But by Halloween I was together again  
I was curious, I was open  
I looked back at him like a stain on a page  
A thing that happened but no longer present

By Halloween I was glowing  
I learned how to look nice for me  
I learned what a man is supposed to be  
I had good grades and I did it sad  
I did it sad and scared and broken

By Halloween I was grateful for him  
For all the learning I did in a safe space  
I was grateful for new opportunities, for a new path forward

By Halloween I had my eyes set on cool jobs  
And a plan to do cool things  
And a way to make it happen  
I had a heart looking for love, but not desperately needing it

By Halloween I was okay  
I was content, I was doing better  
And I was going to be okay still