

Participating in the Way Things Die During Winter

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Abstract—Little treasures, like knowing that mamaw's lasagna recipe calls for one egg in the ricotta cheese.

Index Terms—connection

HOME (NEW, OLD)

Freshly paved roads dotted with churches and
Self-storage warehouses.

I bike around them when it's overcast and the parking lots
are empty.

I could stand at the corner and hold up the discount mattress
sign.

Behind flimsy cardboard I would think about you all day.

Hold my hand, please, come to the bar

And play slots in the dead-end corridor behind the fish tank
with me.

I'll fidget with Mamaw's gold ring on my pinky finger and
Almost weakly, we'll sing Wild Horses to ourselves in the
back seat.

On the table in the living room there are little ceramic
houses overflowing with light.

Out of tiny windows they leak with gold just after midnight.

I'll take one with me in the pocket of my coat

To remind me of Home or something close to it.

And in the morning while it's raining I can sleep on the
floor underneath my blankie with the Snow Babies.

We'll dream of blackberry scars and how big grandpa's tree
is getting.

I. 2024 THEMES / GOALS !

- Friendship and community as "Relationship"
- Do some fuckin good science
- Upgrade Gender OS to V6.18.5
- Figure out what my Blood wants
- Figure out what my Bones want
- bike a LOT
- Nourish my inner child (with more dragon content)
- Being present and invested in the current moment
- Grounded-ness
- Stillness
- Being too sexy for my own good
- Embracing my weirdness and silliness more
- Wimsey
- Be dumb and hot (but in a mature and silly way)
- Prioritize relationships that feel reciprocal !!!!!!! - (hmm maybe not ? See, this implies that those you love and are close to are always going to be able to love and give energy in return, but expecting that from someone all the time is unreasonable. Instead, choose to love unconditionally always, no matter what, forever. - reflect on this more)
- Heath ! Drink more water bishhh
- stop biting fingernails (stretch goal)