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a rose is just as sweet? a rose? by any other name? sade, lauryn, janet, martina. a rose? i'm the rose? i'm toes deep in matcha, the signals are coming to me.

are you there God? it's me, Brianna, i wanted to follow up on our conversation yesterday. about how every morning turns into day like snow covers freshly made animal tracks? that disappearing into your love is debasement. and when you told me that i could never leave, did you mean it? that if i do leave, the sun could blacken my skin? that every girl deserves a closed window? that my spirit is a narrow house for you? but everything in it is a pretty color, like ballet shoes.

the worst part of my funeral was realizing i couldn't date anymore. ranking the deaths i experienced, beginning with those that effected the greatest mental decline: romantic death, spiritual death, psychochemical death, social death, a cat's ninth life. you said no one knows you like i know you anyhow. that we are drawn to each other. how actually it is candles which are drawn to moths. i know now that personality is the veil we pass through to encounter Him. i run my tongue over my incisors to recall the animal in me. repair the original wound: he withholds love from me, his affection an agnosticism. the obsessive girl is a mystic with no god.

ISO bridegroom of my soul. He loves me as who I am because He knows I descend from Him, a dirty image. awash in prayer, my body lowers to the floor knees first like drunken flower petals in the rain. Something before the heart speaks. Say it seven times. And I do.

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Checklist



Beulah 1
Bleach on hand-dyed linen
2023



Beulah 2
Bleach on hand-dyed linen
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Aurora Vervain
Bleach on hand-dyed linen
2023



Beulah 3
Bleach on hand-dyed linen
2023



Ex-Factor
Dye on hand-dyed silk
2024



Black Rose
Polychromatic screenprint on terrycloth
2023



All In Me
Dye on hand-dyed silk
2024