



I don't like the fires
escape out your window
have you considered
someone can climb it and
break into your room?

Mama if they climb all the way up there they've earned it





Not funny.

Obviously I've considered it.
Obviouslyyyy!! you've raised me with
these fears I've been scared of someone
breaking into my bedroom my whole life.
Like weeping crying on windy nights
because it sounds like someone trying to
get in.

What? In our sweet little suburb? What a waste of Geing scared!! You should be scared NOW.



Do you even have tears gas? You should have one in your purse and one in--

You mean pepper spray?

--Yes yes pepper spray you should have one in your purse and one by your bed

Lmao I'm not sick you're the reason I'm like this



screw it tight like a jar of jelly
but i don't believe that either.
you woke up like this and have been for years,
how can you sleep pretty
when there are four locks on the door
and the fire escape feels like break-in bait?

they will tell you home is safe zone no, bitch face is safe zone, bitch face is home bitch face is cutting off the ladder willing to burn in the apartment if it means he can't get in.

Don't worry mama all the other girls feel it too, you're not crazy, it's just not something I need to be reminded of.

Co to?

Ode to my bitch face by Olivia gatwood

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## In my dream there's a fire

like a living wall down the shoreline right where the tide meets the wet sand. It roars like ocean and casts a red heat on my mothers face. She's holding my hand and leads me gently away, Bare feet on cool sand. I'm the only one who's scared.

In my dream my mother drives and someone's sick again. I tell her it'll be ok. Foot still on the pedal but eyes on me she yells back, what do you know about dying? We're both already wearing black.

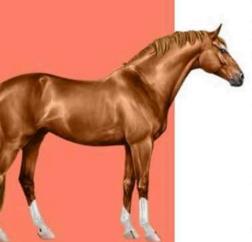
In my dream my mother cuts the ends of string beans as I peel potatoes.
We sit close and put the scraps in the same pot.
She says she used to have hands like mine.

In my dream I'm on the subway and I'm small again.
My mother offers me an orange seat
But I want to stand. She doesn't argue,
just teaches me the stance,
and I brace myself.

In my dream my mother dies.
And the eulogy is perfect, just how I practiced, but the audience doesn't applaud.
They hold their hands in their laps, someone coughs,
And we all forget to pray.

In my dream my mother is pregnant and too old and I'm happy for her anyways.

In my dream my mother tells me she gets deja vu, says she's always known my face, says, I feel like I've known you my whole life.





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