

The Struggle, The Surprise

Some time ago
I wanted to quit this game
I had a plan
To put myself in front of a train
Because I love trains
So let it end like that

But there were people who like me
And I called them
I did not ask
But listened
Let the tethers of friendship consume
me
Let my plan
go

You can always
Fuck off to Patagonia.
"You don't seem like a man
who wants to give up"
An old friend from a
Long time ago
Said to me.

So, I didn't.
In my mind.
Out into the woods I went
Chopped wood, carried water.
Broke it all down.
Found
No purpose,
No meaning.
Still worked to make life
Better for that no reason
Because you can
Hike those ten miles
with a heavy pack.

I came back.

Lo and behold
She showed up.

She says she manifested me.
I believe her.
It makes no sense
But then, neither do I.

In trying to find the meaning
In crows chasing hawks
I saw the woods for what they are
The unknown
Which is my favorite thing
in this life:
The question.

She is that.
Which I can't wait to find out.

Beautiful Nicolle,
I love you

I'll make up names
For you
Every day

Lava lamp
Poppycock
Foxy
Distraction
Thin mint
Ice Cream Cone
Tap Shoe
Checkers
Blue bird
Waffle cone
Cockatiel
Pencils
My Bliss
Little Fluffy Cloud
Scrabble Tile
Teddy bear
Bamboo
Cupa Tea
Telescope
Tidepool
Cuddle Puddle

Sugar Waffer
Halepeno
Cinnamon Bun
Bunny Nose
Emoji Pants
Cutie Pie
Honeysuckle
Pillow Talk
Favorite secret
Checkers
Trixy Spice
Slip and Slide
Nicoalabear
Groot Loops
Thunderstorm
Dream Come True
Starry Night
Golden Heart
Princess Cupcake
Stardust
Sugar snap pea
Snookums
Cookie Crunch
Nibbles
Chipmunk
Heart stopper
Nutter Butter
Honey butter biscuit
Cutie Patootie
Jewel
Tater Tot
Honey Badger
Captain Hottie Pants
Peaches
Star Shine
Dirty Koala
Dream Minx
Cuddle Cake
Fly Gal
Chicadee
Dream Boat
Beanie Baby
Tea Cup
Sugar Cube
Locket
Lovey Dovey
Baby Doll
Cocky Monster
Gummy Bear

Tootsie roll
Nom nom
Snuggle Butt
Care Bear

My Love

Every day is precious with you.
I never, ever want to forget that every day with you counts; is extra.