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Foreword

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This is not a collection. It's a confession.

These are the words that happened between heartbreaks and hopes, a few about me and a few about others who couldn't scream loud enough, so I decided to just write instead. Some of these poems are ugly. Some are absurd. Some are bare, stripped of everything but feeling. All of them are mine—and maybe a little bit yours too.

This book wasn't planned and a big portion of it was written in just one sitting. It just... created itself into existence. Every line came from something I felt too deeply, saw too clearly, or tried too hard to forget. I don't write poetry to sound wise or lyrical. I write because it's the only way I know to survive a moment without explaining it.

So if you find yourself somewhere in these pages—loved, heartbroken, healing, cynical, enchanted, or lost—just know that you're not alone. Maybe we're all a bit weird. And maybe that's what makes us fascinating.

Here's to what we've lost. The person we became. And the strange beauty of being human.

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for the ones who inspired this work and the ones who are weird and fascinating in their own ways.

flawed, cool and amazing.

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i need to save myself

i need to save my smell to take in your body aroma and nothing putrid otherwise

i need to save my audition i want to listen your melody not the background noises

i need to save my vision just so to look at you neglecting all they say beauty

i need to save my bones so i don't turn some octopus spreading on you like mayo

i need to save my tongue to taste the food you are switching to you for glucose

i need to save my skin so to wrap around yours and not my bloody flesh i need not to save those they call heart and brain cause I'm losing 'em for sure

insect

i'll be an insect, a mosquito. that sucks your blood even a drop of it can suffice my weel if i can't be a vamp

my ego

you killed that like an ant which once was an elephant

wait

To Patience, Fuck You. Regards.

but i still...

i long for you
even when you're long gone.
like a pig
i roll in mud
with the muck that i made
out of my love for you
and the shit equivalent importance
you have for me.
in your love
i've become filthy.

he used to

he used to beat his wife
so god took his left eye
now he does domestic violence right
then one day his wife called cops
so he did beat her harder
but police made quick response
and found him red handed
but the only problem was
collecting the pieces of her skull

my lovely dear

my lovely dear you are like some cartoon but i still love you

helium

you fill me up like helium and launch me to the skies

playground

i hate i never had good playground life never too far from ground never too close to it maybe i should have been sociable i am trying.

redpill tutor chad

i have seen you getting blind for her and now you teach me redpill

to motivate

if you won't get up today life will shit on you and when life shits it really hits

but after some time you'll get used to crap you'd say that's ok and make yourself wrap and until you'll realise it you're deep in that trap and stuck all inside that everest load of crap

and as you compile
that mount load of shit
which you can't clean
where you stand still
in your numbness
you human equivalent of shitness
with due respect
in your fucking dumbness

get up and go and clean some and rest will go

100 years

100 years, give me today and that still is going to be short for me to simp over you

highway not traveled

two roads diverged in a wood, and boy I took the highway, and that has made all the difference.

a charming boy

he was a charming boy of his famous town. he was so different that he played girls to impress the guitar.

deHeartes

i simp, therefore i am.

he's gone

he went to some college made friends they made some friends his friends have friends he's left alone

he's seen walkin' with earphones
talking to himself
lonely but looks fine
i asked him, he said the same
he looks not although,
i saw in his eyes.
but he grabbed his dew
and said a warm goodbye

i wish he had friends
no i should be his friend
where is he
hello! sir, have you seen him?
pardon! ma'am have you seen a guy,
umm.. he had a grey bag black earphones
guess i'm late
guess he's gone

but one thing i still remember,
we were talking about how he's alright
and why there's no friend with him.
he told me with all his excitement
and a strange but subtle smile
"i keep my friends close
and enemies in closet

honey i like you so much

honey i like you so much but you're an optional subject and i have many backlogs already so I'll kiss you a goodbye.

parcels: the band

calmanddramatic bittersweetmelodic amazinglycomposed thatilovesomuch andwhatelsetosay ireallythinkthat andihavesaidenough

my fairy

you call it madness, i call it love. if i'm obsessed, why shall i not.

to myself

to myself,
yes me, to myself.
i see those days,
those good old days.
i remember those
eyes open, eyes close.

i wish to go back sometimes i pass those track. walk a mile there being awake, being aware but now i won't go there i don't love that snow.

my streets are new
i want snow that's new
i will live in awe and wow
i will live in here and now
irrationally yours

i wonder

i wonder
i ponder
yet i find no meaning
let's be absurd anyway

replaced by new

i deduce
you're of no use
to me
move,
i don't know thee
discarded are ye
for change, to renew
i'm going without you
discarded are you
replaced by new

lost!

he for once
was very close to that,
very close to the shore he was.
about the time he was to touch the shore
a wave, a huge heart breaker came,
it took him with it far, far away from there
distance between him and the shore
grew more and more from everywhere
thence was he lost
lost was he thence in immense waters
never to come out
never to reach his destination again
longed thence he nothing more
but one thing, his desired shore.

in melancholy, part 1

i, in melancholy
scream'd your name
desired your presence
scream'd nothing but your name
want your presence
still you i hate
i don't know why
desired you for being my mate
melancholy is reason for why

in melancholy, part 2

i, in melancholy, stayed not long.
devised a plan to come out young
as a new self still the old soul
i engaged to my mind
married to my soul
they aren't different, but one alone
i am desire, the passion personified
use me as an allegory
for i win worlds,
of here,
and those present everywhere.

i

i, walking down the street looked for humans, the very human traces i found none just different faces. all somehow confused in misery, fully fatigue fused so i stole my eyes away and looked all above very high right to the night sky and what i saw, was hope in my case your face the very human trace. the antidote to loneliness and a real source of true love.

studio ghibli

admiration i have for them is endless
these movies have something strange in them
they are awkwardly sweet
sometimes shy, sometimes sad
all in all, a slice of life.
a life in a slice.
and of course endless beauty.

gutter of love

i'm a pig rolling in your gutter of love

wiser

integrated in my machine is the element to be keen of curious things of talking beings yes of walking monkeys those talking monkeys too shoo i don't know if it's for you but it's entirely new. firstly, one thing you must redeem the power source of meaning your very self esteem two you should learn to say no be it diplomatic or direct say, if you want and then go third is the element called focus attentive mind on the locus and sliding away all that is bogus i don't want to be more nicer but three times wiser

be

we all have this one fucking life
why waste it pretending
and saying we could have been
why try
why shy
rather then doing what ought to be

they taught us shit

they taught us rules taught us how to spell jewels then told some different joules, and we were just sitting on our stools in unison shaking heads like fools

if i die today

if i die today and if you don't have my parents' number you won't ever know phones don't notify on DND

endless love he has for her

i put the world on fire to have some light for i am here writing poems for my love

plastic love

it's plastic love. hard to degrade.

clouds

oh clouds that wander in the endless skies a mere glance on them for us will suffice

where below them are all where grasses are green peaks high, streams are lean

all to fulfill the tranquil sense of a supernatural dance and here we all are a part of it

bullshit levels of toxins

ye nature,
that hath crafted me,
how troubled my soul
hath grown this day.
for i canst hear she quoth,
thine enchanting voice today!

ohh! i grow frightened, shalt i part the very planet i tread to the stellar night coloured ether voids, oh! to the heavens to the infinite hour long of somberness.

with all my might and potent longs my soul for thy melody of speech.

thieves of hearts

save someone, now you own that person. how strange that is!

mumma shark

bite me like a shark and chew me still you can't engulf, out of indigestion all the never decomposing parts of me made out of my love for you.

tavernlove

you are one hell of a bottle opener, and as you open my cork off, and let my sorrows out, flow out in fizz.

carpet

perchance you stepped your foot, on my chest milady. but wait! don't lift it up, please consider this as your new carpet from now on.

eww

about you,
even a poor thought, kills my soul dear
to the lengths you can't imagine,
out of your bag of filth you call mind.
i swear to god of every religion,
taking my life comes as a better option.
but wait that will be a shame, an insult,
a disgrace even when i think,
taking life for a substance that already rots,
you must choke in silence,
until your mind vomits at the brink.

showcase of broken hearts

i'll fit you in a bottle and steal you away from the world with a promise of true love.

and take you to my very place, where i showcase all those hearts, that thought i have one.

tears no more

don't hold those tears dear, let them flow babygirl.

off your pacific eyes, rolling down those tender ones, those mild nature's creations.

those cheeks,
flowing over them,
those saline elixirs,
and for them
i'm there like a baby for milk,
with my mouth open, tongue out.

Engulfing, vaporizing every single drop, i'm a sandy desert now!

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