your heart could ever stop too late to believe quiet, betore it's much let go. Betore my bones in the deep. Say you'll never love, old tree feeding itself , the moment, this moment, house the heart—here Because the body must .nemow a blod of dguone Recause a prayer is never

To the Boy That Took My Breath Away

crack, and not much more. shake out its dread, a muffled sounding itself; my voice will to see me, mouth open, a breath then looking out. You'll smile one way through your eyes, It's easy to imagine looking

To the Boy That Broke My Heart

.υογ βαιταέω γαι , έπο βαιταξ I could hold onto my wanting done to keep us together, as it your bones, as if something could be and, breathless, creep through λοης μοητιν' ρεοςθέα μείο χοης μέσις, ov, listening, I might step into the breadth of my breath, its given, trom this, whether I'll walk or crawl, Knowing portends what I'll take

To the Boy I Pushed Away

tor a moment, you miss me too. you could be present, and pretend our moments are gone. How I wish l'll love, it i can, with knowing atter digging down to the bone. trom the soaked cloth of sleep I he tear came back when I rose the one full of people that aren't you. , meanb ames tent of ayow I that as the

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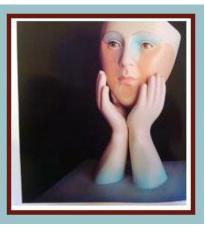
To the Boy That Raped Me

Let me bruise again: think about the ripe fruit in your palm eaten. I could pretend I don't remember. I could pretend and not be sorry for wanting to be dislocated, to be taken apart and put back together again. I'll just keep thinking of you like this, like my throat won't swell from the stings.

To the Boy Who Stole My First Kiss

and after, from biting into a fruit-bearing

It's an old story, you and I, hip to hip, gathering wreckage in that kiss, me not washing for days after wanting the scent of both our bodies to sink in somehow. I've so much to learn about the sharp divide between before heart, knowing the past sometimes runs sweet and the future even sweeter.



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