

Alex's mother tried to kill herself
 Alex says none of the above is true
 Alex would know, it's *his* story
 Says if I read this, he'll sue
 Alex knows I worry
 Alex has this evil stare
 Alex knows he's been busted
 'Cause I know Alex cares.

21st Century Nursery Rhyme
 Alex's car has a brake leak
 Alex's car engine pings
 Alex doesn't buckle his safety belt
 Rigs it to stop its ring.
 Alex doesn't like school much
 Alex really hates to read
 Alex doesn't do his homework
 Rather be smoking weed.
 Alex is on the hockey team
 Alex hates to run
 Alex misses' most every practice
 Says they are no fun

who's she gonna' tell
 who's gonna' listen
 to the sadness in a
 twelve year old's moans
 too many uncles
 have climbed into her bed
 leaving her naked
 bruised and alone.

this one pays the rent
gives her mother some cash.
 why would she shout
 encourage their wrath?
 dreaming of other places
 praying for detention
 a reason to stay late
 to not have to go home.

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**In Case of Emergency
 Break this Glass**

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*Push this Button
 Pull this Lever
 Break this Glass
 Use this Axe
 Please
 Talk to each Other
 Do Not Let This
 Moment Pass*

Too Many Uncles

she waits at the bus stop
 thinking of ways
 to avoid tonight's darkness
 this newest one's random attacks.
 tugging on her sweater
 pulling it higher
 hiding his love bites
 those marks that remain.