## **Title: Fragments of Existence**

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Most of us shake free of our leaves at first frost. Drop our petals in the scorching summer heat Wither away without the right nurturing. Rot our fruits we've borne through the season

The harsh winds never stripped you The sunlight never wilted you You never required acceptable care Cruel storms never robbed you In a blanket of white you always shimmered ~*Evergreen*~

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Our eyes are magnets Some of us point north Others to the south You seek the pairs that drag yours in Never allowing them to stray Over a decade your direction switched positions Time and again, I tried to match the attraction, Avoiding repulsion's sting. But like any magnet, I accumulated ferrite, From the dense iron conduit in which I've entwined, Now I can't meet your eyes, or any, for that matter, I lack the pull ~Polarity~

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Never came for me It always seeks me out First when on was young, as a dance on an icu screen Again I met it behind stray bangs against blue orbs It was pushed out in agony On a delivery tables stark surface Sneaked around the corner Amid shouts' languish Slid its way across a legal tables promise Always and Never, Together Forever. ~Never Will Come For Us~ Void. The only word that feels correctly descriptive. Fragments defy explanation The whole doesn't exist. Past, present, and future. Coexist in timelessness Each thought is fractured To the point of no focus I lack the will to push through. I'd rather stay adrift, in the ether.

~Danger, Will Robinson~

I placed markers On any and every remarkable moment

The night you first grabbed my chin And pulled me in Hours later standing behind you As you smiled And I was using my eyes for the first time

When you emerged from the bathroom Cradling our eternity in your hands,

When you pushed out our love with such grace And laid it gently on your bare chest

> When you showed your face Because you knew better than me That I would always need to see it

The day our hearts broke from loss But you held me even in your own despair As if you knew I needed it more

When you returned to your personal abyss, Concerned more with the hell I was enduring.

When I'd lie on your stomach for what felt like an eternity, Listening to the melody of forever, Feeling the warmth Of our son's first home.

When we'd intertwine our legs in deep slumber, Even when our connection faltered.

> Moments before I caused your tears, And every other time, too.

We have outgrown our singular vessel We tried to share a garden instead But could never keep the weeds out

I set these anchors in our past romance In hopes I ever find a way to return to them As I wander through time and space Im trying to set entry points

~creating wormholes~