

everywhere, anywhere

in a coffee shop where we do our homework
in a library where we admire the collection
in a garden where we steal kisses
in a dorm room we pretend is home
in a car where we first said it
in a train station where i'd bid you farewell
in a museum where you were oblivious
in the airport where you pick me up
in your room and in mine
in messages sent and unsent
in restaurants between courses
in never ending calls
in a center where we first met
in events where we whisper it
in between kisses and touches
in hard times and good
in bed all sleepily and cuddly
in a tent that kept us safe
in the kitchen when I made rice
in the living room of your house
in the park walking your dog
in a garage we walk to after programs
in my driveway
in the elementary school parking lot

in all these places and so much more
i will tell you that i love you

(for when you doubt)

lovely lover, take my hand
despite the glaring eyes
that constantly watch over us
judging our every move and thought
dissecting the people we are
to nothing more than words of disgust
and phrases that cut our hearts

sweetness of mine, i'm so sorry
that they don't see who we really are
who you really are
and all these things we work for
just to be on par with those
who work so hard to tear us apart
just to reach so many others

worried soulmate, i don't have the answers
to the curses we must break
how do we defeat our sorrows
overburdened we are, through no fault of our own
more tears we share than bells of laughter
and nothing seems to move forward
so painful is this path

adoring partner, we'll take a stand
if not at least for ourselves
i'll shout with you, take pride with you
because our lives and love shouldn't be a crime
so if you want to fix the world
than i'll stand by your side
and dispel your self doubts

so many ways to say

i love you
and i don't mean that lightly
i love you in the way that stars collide
so absolutely recklessly and dangerously
i love you like a storm, like a fire
i love you like all my nerves are on fire
and i love you like a blanket
like a cup of coffee, like an afternoon nap
i love you every day, every minute, every second
and i will love you over and over again
the words "i love you" barely contain my love for you
my kisses barely contain my love for you
there's no efficient way for me to let you know
these words only do so much
words only contain so much
so many words in the english language and nothing
nothing can contain this feeling
cause it's so primal, so instinctive
and these pretty words only mean so much
so when i say i love you know that
i say it with every bit of who i am
because oh how i just
love you

running out of words

i've learned quite recently
that i'm actually terrible with words
they come out of me all choppy
nonsensical phrases, sentences without meaning
so when i try my best to comfort you
or when you ask me my every thought
sometimes the words don't exist
for the feelings and half thoughts in my head
all i'm left with is questions and cliches
like how could you hate the things i love about you
how do you always seem to tear yourself down
why can't we just love ourselves the way we love each other
could we ever learn to be in peace
how do i help you in times of need
do my cliched words ever mean much
why won't you depend on me in the same way i do
how do i teach you to love yourself when i am still learning
how can i convince you to stop trying to fix everything
what does it take for you to believe
why must we abide to others rules
why can't we just break these silly norms
and i spiral over my lack of comforting words
because i can only tell you i love you
and that it doesn't matter and that it's okay
so many different times
before the words start to lose meaning
and i start to sound like a broken record
forgive me for using these stolen cliched words
because they're the only ones i really know
we're not broken, we're just human
and we don't need to fix the world
and your existence is admirable
and i am here
i am here
i am here