

“Under the radiant starlight (I love you)”

Under the radiant starlight
Cascading through the open window,
We meet after the long day’s ending,
Just you and I,
Melding together as one.

(I knew you were made for me.)

You disrobe, watching me.
I look
And see words written on your body.
I read
And this is what they say:

*For love is the child of freedom,
Never that of dominion.*

I want to write my heart,
Gifting it to you.
I want to take down your story,
Engraving you immortal.

(You are my greatest story ever written.)

On your ribs, tattooed, are piano keys.
I play
A sweet melody
That sounds like this:

Ladadadada. Ladadadadad.
A lullaby, to keep us remembering how it is between us.

Deep and soothing,
Your warm voice flows over me,
Like smooth jazz and rhythm,
You sing me back to life.

(You are the music of my life.)

My fingers glide over your skin
And I find freckles.
I connect-the-dots
A message forms amid the lines.
This is what I see:

*Two constellations crossed in loving embrace.
Your skin has drawn a future for us.*

Even your imperfections
I consider perfection.
You have turned my world
Upside down.

(You are the masterpiece of my existence.)

I close my eyes
And breathe in your scent.
This is how you smell:

*Like Freedom.
And sweet licorice.*

I never wanted to wallow drenched
In someone else's scent
Till I met you
And breathed in your essence.

(You are the perfume I wear.)

My hands find your lips.
I kiss you with mine.
This is what your lips say:

*Love words.
And sweet nothings that mean all to me.*

Your impish dimples
Could absolve you of murder.
Instead, you used them for subterfuge
And captured my heart.

(You are the sweet balm, protecting me from the chilling wind.)

The cicadas and crickets
Sing us to sleep.
I dream a dream
That shows me this:

*I was in a cage of darkness. A ray of sunlight flashed over my shoulder and warmed my cheek.
I turned to look, and it was you.*

Like a bright ray of light,
You appeared over my right shoulder,
Brushed against my cheek,
And gifted me with unadulterated happiness.

(You are my dearest dream come true.)

I blow onto your eyelashes,
Watching you blink open,
Just to see your eyes.
They twinkle with hidden messages:

*Take your time, pace yourself, unravel them all.
We have all the time in the world.*

I will spend a lifetime
Decoding them all.

(Let's spend eternity together.)

I fear
Like all divine comedies
We are too beautiful to last.

Fading like stardust
Burning like the sun

(We will not go gently.)

Perhaps we will love immortal,
Till the end of time and back

For not even the stars above
Can part the love between you and I.

(Till death do us part.)

Heavens,
May we never part.

(I love you.)