

A Walk Through Life in a Day

1. Lies We Tell

Conversing with Narcissus, scissor on wrist

That's what this is
Is it? Our congratulations
Commiserations
Other nations under divisible names

Truth told I've never met anybody who didn't tell

real lies,
you never let me
say
my piece

In my eyes I saw the reflection
in the smile of your two front teeth

Ignore everything else with me,
that's the only memory I keep

My mood is changing as fast as I
am,
are we really complicit
for

asking the hard questions
but pretending every dinner's candlelit

Little did I see
the signs
That was only the half of it

Do we act just to feel
Feel what we want just to know
That we're
real?
Lasting instances of escape from reality

Muddy water as clear as Fina's aqua
Grow in the dirt of plant pots and whisper
"oh is that right? Well I see ya"

See from a distance what you want and I'll do the same
Let's wonder every day what
babies would look like with each other's last
names, so we say

"Never needed you any less" but
tell each other less is more
hold breath for every knock
at the door
Welcome home
to nobody

Without your conflicted commitment they

ask me
Oh hey how you doing today
I couldn't be better, I
Haven't died yet today

Well I'm sorry to hear,
I really hope that you won't
I'll keep you in my prayers

But what if I prefer that you don't

Setting off alarms and red flags
In their heads
they're seeing yellow tape, red lights and
body bags

People letting words travel
Through their grapevines

Every day is someone's last,
Does it make me possessive
if I call tomorrow mine?

Don't let yourself confuse honesty and truth
Just because I lie to myself doesn't mean I'll lie to you

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2. Why Not

Tell me what you're
going to do to me

Ruin the surprise
Ruin the sunrise
Steal the sunset
Steal a beat
Kill the mood
Kill my dreams
Give me more than I want
Give me more than you have to

Let me tell you what I want
Let me listen to you

Light your secrets on fire
Fire yourself up for the moment
Moments with us feel like days
Days like these should be nights

I found your truth
You know I gave you mine a long
time ago

Savor the lost
Savor the cost of us
Taste our favorite air
Taste the carefully pulled pit
Wake me up when I want to sleep
Wake yourself up from your dream

Let's make one last promise
Let's never try one last time

Tell me everything you won't
I'll give you everything I can't

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3. When I Think You

Just one time is all I ask

When all you have is the carefully
rearranged past
Then imagine what you've never had

Caulk my features with your compliments
and temperamental tone

Tell me every single thing you want in different
words so I don't understand

Let's smile and talk about all of the things we like to do and then
do them
together
because what else is there to do on a
Wednesday in Union Square?

We planned lunch every week in silence;
why ruin a perfectly innocent lie?

The first time you touched me I laughed
and let you linger
Later I'd pretend that I
blushed when I gasped so I
brushed
you away and the moment
was hushed and soft

The last time you touched me I
went home, tired
and full of sweet chocolate drops in my sweat

I thought it would smell so sweet
in the shower
but, well, enough

I ran my hand down my arm and instead of my own I
felt yours

And again, rough

This isn't mine anymore

Should I be proud?
Should I embrace it?
Should I change the details?
Should I remember it how
you want me to?

“Everything is better when you want it to be;
let them have you”

I'm overreacting
I'm imagining
I'm confused
I'm making it up
I'm in there somewhere
I'm so far away I can't hear
I'm yours
I'm not yours

Do you believe me?