

Buddy

Manny's long, thick dark hair frames her face so
You focus towards her bright, laughing eyes that
Make you excited for the ride you're about to take

She's got a mouth on her training for a 5K
And we're cheering her on as she takes off and
She's smiling because she knows she's unstoppable
And it is always something that you want to hear

Manny likes to call me up sometimes just to say
Hi while she steps outside for a smoke and laughs,
She calls herself an ass for the cigarette and lights it
When I'm craving one, she likes to call me the ass
If Manny jumped off a bridge, would you jump too?

I like that she plays Mario Kart with me while she's
Drunk and I like that I can hear her laughter from a
Ten-minute walk away as she texts me, mocking me
after each race I lose, I like that she does it when I win
I like that when Manny greets me, she calls me Buddy
And I especially like that that's her saying I love you

That's Game

You Slinked Into
My Bedroom
Window
The Door Was
Wide Open And
You Had A
Key

Trapped
Inside
Of Your Own
Home
Deadlocks
Curtains
Drawn

Loving The
Dead Is Easy
Loving The
Absent Is
Suicide
Slow
Painful

Red Flags
Thrown
All Over The
Field
Ample Strikes
Four Balls
You Walked

Hamilton

A tiny home with a red fisher-price
Swing for their little girl on the porch
Low enough for Bandit to lick her pink
Face while her crazy, curly hair blew
In the wind as she giggled on and on

A tiny kitchen with a black and red tiled
Checkered floor where their baby boy's
Crib parked, where he held his sister's
Pinky, nice and tight. they ran around that
Dirty floor trying to saddle the old dog

A tiny cement yard with a blue and plastic
Kiddy pool covering the cracks and weeds
Their daddy chased them with the hose,
Water from the Allegheny spraying around as
They circled and circled, shrieking with delight

A tiny living room with a big, brown recliner
With a smell so homey and distinct that
Their mummy rocked them on while she
Began to doze off, holding her two babies
After their day in the sun, Bandit watching