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I. pillow talk

He likes the questions
i ask him
as i try to peer deeper
to see around
between
above
behind
through
his words
i like the way
he smiles
at the furrows
in my nose
impatient for more
i want to curl into the wrinkle
of the smirk playing about his lips
so i'll hear his truth the moment he utters it
and be rewarded with a kiss of lips
to my ear as he breathes again
ready to spill

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II. mixed signals

Sometimes they tell you
sexy things
touching
you
with their eyes
closed
as they dream
you should
close your eyes too

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III. the protector

I have loved her
alone
frantically

i have mishandled her
i have spoken curses upon her
i have loved her

loved
until sinking into
the abyss of mourning
coloring the whites of her eyes
that had once formed the black of her irises

i have fearfully
scolded her
promising her pain
where she showed weakness
disfiguring the definition of safe

i have created
so many plans
masterminded escape routes
between smiles
and glances

to protect her
i would hurt her
incinerate her
eviscerate her

i imprisoned her
because i loved her

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IV. raw

Healing never graced me
until i admit that it hurt
that the emptiness i carved
hollowing myself out
so i couldn't remember
the jolt of butterflies i felt
the high
the impossibly insurmountable joy
that was loving
that was living
that barren place i created within me hurts
as do the memories of you
of all of you
who once visited and took what you would
from this sacred place
you mutilated me
i am wounded
it hurts

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V. self portrait

To be able
to wait
to give another
enough time
to see into
the bleak of your toothy smile
the spaces within your bright eyes
to smell the haunt in your perfume
to sleep within the fear of your mind
to allow such an intimacy
for the scales of your back to gleam
to risk discovery
of the horns at your brow
the clipped talons at your feet and hands
the monster of your imagining
unhinged, just
there

we humans
create pedestals
for ourselves upon which
our inner torments thrive

love is release
balance

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