

You don't remember.

When I try to speak about what transpired, you brush it aside
What happened-happened
You tell me to get over it
It's not a big deal

But what happened plagues my thoughts,
Haunts me even as I sleep,
Its memory floating in as I dream
Ripping into my insides where I thought I was safe
And are you sure you don't remember?

The shock I went through
The denial in my heart
How I told myself over

And over

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Again
It's not a big deal, these things happen and it's
Okay

When my older sibling called the police, I told them that I was fine, no nothing happened he's
not like that, she's just dramatic.
You don't even remember so it's not that big of a deal

But do you remember?
Do you know why I'm scared of you in the halls? Why I dread coming to school? What I spend
so many therapy hours on?

Do you remember how drunk I was?
Do you remember that?

Do you remember how you threw me against the wall
How you picked me up as if i was nothing?
How i was too drunk to take off my clothes?
Does that remind you of anything?

What about you forcing my head down?
I was crying
I said that it hurt
You saw me crying afterwards
And you said nothing
Because you had done nothing wrong
You say you don't remember
But Fuck You... I remember
Every excruciating detail is burned into my bruised ego
I remember every second, every moment, etched into my brain

I was scared to speak out
Scared to call it what it is

Your friends say that you just don't know your own strength
It was an accident
You were as drunk as I was
I wanted it

And for a while **I** believed them
But **I** know what it is now
And **I** am not afraid to call it what it is
You may not remember it, but I remember rape.

Time

Flowers drifting in the breeze
Hummingbirds fluttering their wings
A dog, jumping with delight as its owner walks through the door

Barren ground, dust whisked away by the wind
A small corpse taking its final fluttering breath
A man greeted by silence

New sprouts bursting in the breath of spring
Small eggs cracking, first fluttering breaths being taken
A small puppy bounding towards a greying old man

Light within me

Beauty found in reds oranges purples and blues
How I wish I could share this sunlight with you
Light fills me with delight from my head to my toes
Darkness is expelled and with it all my woes
Lilies and pine and sweet sweet honeysuckle embraces me, entices me
Life suffused with the feeling the energy of laughter of being.
The sun dips and it's almost if i'm foreseeing
All the darkness in the world whirlpooling
Hiding slinking, a hungry snake coiled and drooling
People starving
children starving
honeysuckle doesn't feed the masses
People in power
thoughts don't speak louder
silence feeds the fasces
My thoughts thunder as the sky
My thoughts often go awry
This snakes inside of me and the starving children inside of me claw and gnaw
Sometimes I wonder if I even matter at all
So much pain so much suffering that I witness
And yet I have never been apart of a resistance
Amber sunlight flows through the tears in me
Beauty is found in reds and yellows and lilies and daffodils

Hibernation

Nestled carefully out of sight
Hidden away without delight
Careening fingers-
Someone lingers
A caressing hand ushering to the light
A seemingly innocent plight
High go butterflies
Fly go the songbirds
Lies says the beautiful
Unseemingly go by
Soon my light dies

All that's left is a goodbye

Nestled carefully out of sight
Hidden away without delight