#### Love

#### I'm back in Owosso

She was the personification of every shooting star.

Every auburn sunset
Every full moon
Every solar eclipse
Every catchy chorus
Every awe inspiring moment
Every supernova

She had a galaxy in her soul
Ever expanding
Ever so stunning
I saw stars in her eyes
The Northern Lights in her smile
The kind of woman who is truly
Once in a Lifetime
She was the perfect storm
I had to see her again

#### Give me four hours. I'll be there

Four hours
By myself
What do I say?
Sorry?
Missed you?
What is this?
What are we?
Are you single?
Is this too much?
Should I shut up?
Can you shut me up?
Was that kiss nice?
Feel the same?
Same fireworks?
Same shooting star wonder?

Same sped up heart beat?

I have missed you

Maybe I'll say that

Maybe I won't say anything

What are we going to talk about?

## Do you believe in fate?

She is a whirlwind Of passion Of strength Of intelligence Of beauty Of wittiness What was I? I don't have the looks The desire The talent The strength I am Unimportant Nothing compared to her But she's still here Maybe there's something more to me Maybe I have something Maybe this was meant to be

## Not until I met you

That was cheesy
That was stupid
But seeing her smile
THAT smile
The one that changes my world
The one I needed to see
Made it all worth it
Worth the four hours
Worth the lack of sleep
Worth the awkwardness at first

Worth the months of silence
The year of regret
This one moment
Seeing her
Made me feel alive
I'll never have this feeling again
This is
Once in a Lifetime
Like her
Like us
And I'm not fucking it up this time.

# I've missed you so much

I've missed you too. Let's do this again. And again. Forever.

## **One More Night**

We reunite
And recite
Our poems
And rewrite
My future

Stay the night
Wait for sunlight
I'm bad at goodbyes
So don't be shy

I wanna be with you
I wanna kiss you
I wanna hold you
Repeat all the things I've told you
Hold your hand
Be your man

Just for a night

What do you say?

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I want the emotional rush

. . .

Please don't go

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The night is still young Our love can't be done



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#### **Hate**

#### Yes... I slept with him

She is the personification of every hypocrite

Every Snake

Every Poison

Every Acid

Every Marilyn Manson song

Every earth shattering moment

Every broken heart

She had evil in her soul
Ever showing
Ever aggravating
I saw deceit in her eyes
A hurricane in her smile
The kind of woman who truly was
Once in a Lifetime
But not worth weathering the storm

### I knew you didn't love me

3 guys None me What the fuck? What do I do? Break up? Hate you? Give up? Can I do that? Will I do that? Or will I just stay? Keep you in my head? Get out of my head Get out of my life Maybe that should be the plan Or maybe I do stay But if I do

## Where do we go from here?

## I still love you It was just sex

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She spews the same bullshit
        "Just sex"
    "I need affection"
     "I need attention"
    "You weren't here"
  "You're overreacting"
     "This is on you"
      That's not true
         Because
          I'm me
          Loyal
          Strong
          Loving
          Caring
       A struggler
         A fighter
     I have the desire
    I have the strength
           I am
      Better than this
      Better than you
 Nothing compares to me
 And you'll see that soon
   I do have something
    But you fucked up
      You ruined me
      You ruined us
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Sure... Whatever

That's not an an answer
How do I answer?
Hearing the news
Hearing THAT news
The one that destroyed my future

The thing I'll try to repress None of this was worth it Two years? Gone 3000 driving miles? Wasted. The self hatred The worry "Will I ever be enough?" "Was he enough?" You messed up You piece of garbage Venomous liar Collapsing star Wilting rose I never want this feeling again This is Over Like us You fucked it up this time.

You don't believe me?

I don't know what to believe anymore

#### **Magnificent**

(After *Holocene* by Bon Iver)

A pile of autumn leaves
Brimming with an newly minted hue
Sits on a suburban lawn.

Kids laugh
Parents grilling
In the middle of a pile
Sits one leaf.

A unique brown burgundy
Unlike the rest
To itself, it is special
To everyone else
It's part of the pile
Blown away like the rest

An unused water tower
Remains above a sunny town
Pristine, untouched
No harm or ware or rust
A beacon for the town
Kids look up
Parents reminisce
A time when it was used.
Now it sits beautiful but empty
To itself unique
To everyone else
A sign of times past
To be torn down like everything else

I used jump in the leaves
Stare at the water tower
Smile at the stormy cloud
Look at the stars.
Searching for singularity.
Something to set me apart

Make me special.
To myself, unique
To everyone else, strange.
Unimportant.
A leaf in a pile
To be blown away
An empty water tower
Set for destruction
I stare at these things
To remind myself
I am significant
In some way
But at once I knew
I was not magnificent