## Darkness from Within

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## Dear Cigarette

You're always on my mind. Your allure is what made me blind. Touching my mouth, That's when I headed south.

> Burning my lungs. Started so young. You're all I think about. Can't go without.

Dear cigarette, I wish we'd never met. Can't remember when I last tasted oxygen.

Numbing the pain. Comforting the rain. I run to you When I'm feeling blue.

Turning on the charm. Wrapping me in your arms. Stole my freedom. Chewing me like gum.

My lungs seethe. I can no longer breathe. My body has scars As I drown in tar.

## **Meaningless**

My life has no meaning. I'd rather be dreaming. Don't want to be here Drowning in my tears.

Is the darkness here to stay? I wish it would go away. I'd rather be dead Then live inside my head.

Don't think it will get better. Left behind a letter. Let me fade to black And never come back.

Slice my wrist with a knife. "The only guarantee in life Is death." Let me take my last breath.

Life is to blame. Every day is the same. As I start to bleed, My soul recedes.

Please don't grieve. Listen to the breeze. Don't worry about me.

I'm free.

## So Far Away

Staring out my window, Reaching for the silver glow. Diamonds glitter the sky And I start to cry.

Gazing at the stars. Why must they be so far? Always feeling abandoned. Hoping my wish gets granted.

> Want to return home To the light filled dome. I sadly doubt, There's any way out.

So close to touch. The pain is too much. So far away, Hovering above the bay.

I crawl into bed And retreat into my head. Safe and sound, Flying into the clouds.