

# Accidental Fable

## Hard Cider and Sleeping Pills

A Poem Collection

### **Death Drop**

my heart drops  
flipping upside down dipping backwards slipping swirling  
falling  
it's falling and I cannot catch it  
could chase it  
cant reach it  
I am frozen paralyzed in nauseating fear  
Sick  
clearly have caught some horrible terrible plague  
from which I will never recover  
fix it please  
cut it out  
throw it on the ground  
stamp on it  
put out the damn fire  
this burning hateful broken feeling  
put it out  
take it away  
except I can't  
and you don't have the tools  
what fools we are  
to glance longingly  
when I am  
Absolutely  
Positively  
Certain  
That I cannot be in love with you.

### **witch**

you would never notice her  
she lives in the black abyss  
covered in a dotted moonlit blue  
except her hair burns a violent red  
in the corner of the train station

eyes swollen and bruised  
she's on fire  
or she's broken  
hyperventilating green and gold  
ribs move too quickly  
she could split in two  
at any moment  
she has the ability  
but she won't  
she's vibrating  
shaking too hard  
the wall behind her sputters in confusion  
you make eye contact for a moment  
your heart stops working  
no more beating for you  
she cackles as she turns her face  
sobbing hysterically  
she pulls a peach out of a sequined silver purse  
and takes a giant bite  
her face breaks  
into an earth shattering grin  
you blink  
she's gone  
you would never notice her  
except you do  
because she wanted you to

## **Into the Thicket**

out of the thicket  
a little green man  
scoots discreetly away  
on a teeny golf cart  
with streamers  
rainbow streamers

no one clocks  
the miniscule fuchsia chick  
on the maroon skateboard  
driving the nightmares away  
sticks scratch  
their tiny porcelain faces

do not flinch

he scoots  
she drives  
he hums  
she sings  
the same song  
a long song  
the wrong song

then they forget  
like the lilt of daydream  
gone  
without a trace  
tiny green wheels  
leave a tiny green trail  
back into the thicket

## **Audrey**

sparkling sequined pink shoes poke out of the curtain  
basking in the glow of the lights above  
a foot inside sure and strong  
a shimmering glorious foot  
the other matches  
the girl who wears them grins

she takes a step  
her voice is easy  
her temper in check  
shaking hands violently expose  
but she wears the glittering shoes  
she can do this

curls bouncing as she bows  
glancing quickly at her feet  
beaming proud  
her heels click  
she is the girl  
the girl in the glistening shoes

the light fades  
her smile beams  
eyes glisten  
for a moment  
then it stops  
the blackness erupts

sparkling sequined pink shoes sit quietly miles away  
gathering dust  
yet unchanged  
soles scuffed  
sitting specifically in remembrance  
of the girl who loved them

## **Easy Knees**

Strongest in all the land,  
he's fought through  
hell and back again  
regard him in his high valor  
mortals want to knock him ore  
But no one knows  
what no one sees  
he sits despising knobby knees  
he cringes and he gripes  
wishing to cover them in tights  
or high knee socks to say the least  
poor poor Hercules

she tries to love him all the same  
mostly for his long blonde mane  
shuts her eyes and wishes for  
derangement rolling on the floor  
the strangling of a rampant beast  
or the engulfment  
of indecent feast  
she might be stronger  
than he'd please  
But she pretends  
and bends and bends  
poor poor Hurting Knees

## **Jump**

agitation flits through  
zooming from her weak stomach  
bouncing off her sore heart  
whipping back to smack her over the head  
there is nothing I like about this person  
this person who lets a feeling overwhelm her  
leaving her paralyzed  
praying for numbness

or hoping for power  
she longs for rage  
to stride down the street  
fuming and sure  
not doubled over  
in guttural misery  
throbbing  
wounded  
broken  
somewhere inside is someone strong  
somewhere inside is someone who cares  
but I won't get up