

Where  
Do  
Broken Hearts  
Go?

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**WHERE DO  
BROKEN  
HEARTS  
GO?**





**For The Sisterhood Who Held  
Me Up**

**Chinma, Chineneye, Uzo, Ebym,  
Chioma U, Chioma, E, Ng,  
&  
My Mom.**





Hi,

The riddle of the ages: if a tree falls in the forest and there is no one to hear it, does it make a sound?

Well, science says yes.

What about the human heart? If your heart is broken by love, death or any other number of human circumstances, does your broken heart make a sound?

In your hand is a collection of the sounds made by my broken heart.

In these sounds of my brokenness, many readers have recognized their own sounds and have taken some comfort in the way I was able to capture these sounds.


I always feel this deep need to offer comfort whenever my words resonate with a reader because I feel deeply. I feel hard. And because I know the sounds of a heart breaking.

So I cry with you.

What I hope you will find in this book is hope. Hope that in the sounds of our brokenness, a light, a comfort, a peace.... can take seed and maybe we can once again smile, and dare I wish- dance, again.

All my love,

Okwy.





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## **Pain in a bottle**

I cannot capture my pain  
In a bottle  
But even if I could,  
How does that help you?  
How does hearing my heart  
Shatter a million times in  
A million pieces more,  
How does that help you?  
Bravery to me is forgetting.

I cannot capture my pain in a bottle  
But, remember, I do.  
Your heart racing to the floor  
In a thud so earth shattering  
You just know,  
No human deserved it.

I would wish you could never know my pain.  
That my pain be mere words  
To you  
If ever a day came that  
This pain become meaningful to you,  
Too late  
My sincerest thoughts are with you  
And the best, to you, I wish



## Quicksand

I am in a quicksand  
Struggling  
To breathe  
Struggling  
To get out  
I'm falling  
Can't stop.  
Bottomless...  
A quicksand.

People say, be calm...  
Stop, in a quicksand?  
Breathe,  
In a quicksand?  
Is that normal?

They say,  
New normal...  
Is that a thing?

How do you stop,  
How do you breathe,  
In a quicksand?  
And call it, normal?  
The new normal?



## Never Tell

Never tell the universe what  
you have been through

And never tell God to stop a  
pain or  
Do you a favor

Both will listen  
But both are too  
Busy having a laugh  
Upon the brokenness of your heart  
To give a care,  
About you.



**Where do broken hearts  
Go?**

Wonder, sighs, tosses,  
Heart pounding  
Meals unappealing  
Talking, moot

So,

Where do broken hearts go?





## I look To the Future

Wonder, sighs, tosses,  
Heart pounding  
Meals unappealing  
Talking, moot

So,

Where do broken hearts go?





## Homeless

The biggest poverty is  
having no portion  
in the world  
To call a home.

Have you ever overstayed  
your welcome?  
A roach is better than you.  
The rat has more pride  
of place  
than you.

Have you ever overstayed  
your welcome?  
In a corner of the world  
Not your own?  
All the riches of the moment  
Bring little pleasure.

You crave peace of mind  
You hope each waking day brings  
Closer and closer  
An exit...  
No matter how undignified.



**A Heart Once Pure (1)**

God,  
You took a heart  
Once full of your love  
A heart  
Most desirous of your ways,  
To tell others of you,  
A heart that all it wanted  
Was be in awe of you all day  
All night...

God,  
You took a heart  
Once full of innocence,  
A heart  
Most trusting of you...

God,  
You took a heart  
And you broke that heart  
Like a twig upon your knees  
A heart,  
Broken  
Yet you threw it into a fire  
And watched it burn.  
(Cont...)





## **A Heart Once Pure (2)**

God,  
What have you to gain by  
A heart  
Full of misery,  
A heart  
Full of disbelief  
A heart  
Mournful and in regret of you?



**She's The One For You**

She is the one for you  
and I was the one for you.  
I am an old cloth,  
A well-worn shoe  
I am comfort  
Always here,  
Too present.

She is shy  
And she is sly  
Her breasts as upright  
As her ways are dainty  
And her words erect your bones  
And shivers down your back.

All night long,  
You reach  
And reach,  
All night long,  
You reach for her.



## Justice

Justice is a funny word  
In anger, you scream for her  
You curse and cuss  
And lie satisfied that she is real.

The learned know though,  
There is nothing in the world  
Like justice



**My Love**

My love, you call to her  
My name you blast to me  
Bathed and perfumed  
You go to her,  
But disgusted  
You look upon my freshness

With ease, she rides along  
A toothache, a thought of me.

You did this  
But you cannot help it  
Love is a funny one  
And it has found you  
Away from me,  
Forever.



## I Was Arrogant

I was arrogant, wasn't I?  
When you spoke harshly to them,  
Made me lie for you,  
Helped you move quickly from her,  
Helped me move quicker from him...

I was arrogant, wasn't I?  
'cos I thought we were enchanted  
Didn't give it a thought  
Didn't know you were my karma.  
Ex truly has marked the spot.



**Homebound (1)**

My love is homebound,  
My tongue is dry  
My fists balled up,  
My heart beats so hard,  
I fear it will pop.  
My head throbs  
From the back to the front.  
I shiver,  
Rub my arms over and over  
Send a little warmth.  
I feel I should poop  
But my feet,  
Too heavy  
Can't lift me up.

My love is homebound  
And I am seated on the corner  
On the floor  
My head upon the door  
My back against the wall  
Wishing it swallows me whole

(Cont.)



**Homebound (2)**

My love is homebound  
But this isn't about my love.  
But his anger  
For surely, he soonest  
Will unleash upon me.



## Prayer For The Dead (1)

I really prayed this hard.  
I never would have believed  
A heart could heave and ache  
This much.

I prayed till my voice cracked,  
My lips chapped, heavy as rocks  
Out of me flowed words too deep  
Even I couldn't understand.  
And I am a master weaver  
Of words and plans  
And speak in tongues diverse  
And yet...

I finally understood  
words like hopeless  
Words like helpless  
Those aren't words...mere words,  
But of feelings  
Of fear,  
Once the fight is gone  
From your belly.  
(Cont...)





**Prayer For The Dead (2)**

You understand  
What a shell means  
And a shell is you.  
The light in your eyes  
Is gone  
And you don't know  
Who you are,  
Anymore.



## Like A Galloping Horse

Oh may the days come  
And come fast  
Like a galloping horse set ablaze  
by a swarm of bees...

The day my heart no longer  
Yearns for you  
The days when no more  
I lie upon my bed  
But my heart trails  
Your every move

May the day come  
When upon my bed I lie  
My heart within me,  
My thoughts, with me  
Maybe upon the good people  
Of the world.

May the day come  
When I flinch no more  
at the sound of your voice  
And ache at the thought of you.

Oh days,  
May the galloping horse bring you to me!



**Get Up And Fight! (1)**

I told her,  
Get up and fight!

The day the same fight came  
For me, I froze.

I told her,  
Get up, walk away  
On my turn,  
I curled up and I took it.

I took it,  
In my heart,  
In my head,  
On my arms  
In every way,  
And I said not a word.

Shame swallowed me whole  
Shame swallowed my words  
Many fears stilled my heart.  
I tried to speak but heard  
Only the mockery of my own words.  
(Cont.)



**Get Up And Fight! (20)**

I told her,  
Get up and fight!  
And she did.  
But I never was able  
To make a sound.



**Performer (1)**

I am a performer  
I wake up every day to perform  
A dance solo  
I have performed for so long  
I no longer am afraid  
To be found out.

All through my nights, I eat my tears  
These pillows, the truths they hold  
Dear friends, they are my best friends  
And as the night gives way to the morning,  
they shut my eyes,  
We have a big day tomorrow, they say.

Open your eyes, the world must  
not see these tears.  
So I wear my smile-  
faster than my mascara  
I flash my teeth-  
shinier than my foundation,  
Good morning, good morning,  
My voice rings loud -  
oh swallows, you don't stand a chance.

I waltz, I twerk, I twirl- anything for you  
Never a peep behind this mask,  
That will ruin this play.



**Performer (2)**

This play is my masterpiece  
It is happy,  
A solo- a happy solo cos  
my partner has walked off...  
But I must hold court.  
I must hold steady  
Cos darling, they will  
never see beneath this mask.

I am a performer  
And have done this dance for so long,  
I fear this mask may  
never again come off.

It gets tiresome being so kind  
Are these words of care all mine?  
So compassionate and so stale.

Like me  
Like me, please  
Pretend my play you loved so well



**Performer (3)**

For at night, these tears will fall  
A review my pillows will know  
Another secret the performer knows.  
Like me  
Like me please...  
Like this  
Like this play,  
I wrote it with pieces of my dreams  
And sold my soul to get it right.



**From The Lips Of My Darling**

Fool  
Idiot  
Boring  
Horror  
Get out!

These are not the words  
From my enemies.  
These are the words  
From the lips of my darling

My heart,  
Oh, my heart,  
You twist, you burn, you hurt  
And you take it.





**Never Believe A Lie**

I gaze upon my darling as he speaks  
I hear every word from his lips  
And I believe not a sound he makes.

I gaze upon the back of my darling  
As he leaves  
Around the corner, he claims to go  
I believe his heart after she goes  
And I believe not a sound he makes.



## Can They See Me?

I wondered if you could see me  
Then I wondered if she could see me.  
I made them the center of my world,  
I shouldn't have but I did.

I tried to be her friend  
To know - woman to woman,  
Will she take pity on me?  
I groveled at his feet,  
I shut my mouth like lava  
he swallowed me whole,  
I cried  
I pleaded  
I played a fool  
Maybe today he will see me  
But today was no good.

Maybe tomorrow she will remember me  
Maybe a good deed I once did her?  
And maybe finally, they will see me?  
But that tomorrow never will come.




## I Lost The Fight And The War And The Love

To save us, I had to fight for us  
See me,  
See me, darling, I cried  
Love me  
Love me, darling, I begged  
Choose me,  
Choose me, darling, I knelt.

But you wouldn't... Not ever again  
My heart was betrothed to yours, once,  
A long time ago  
But you broke our oath  
And gave it to another.

Your soul you promised her  
With your wealth you cherished her  
And with your body, you loved her

I turned toward you  
You recoiled from me  
I thought I could fight you back  
I thought I could pray you back  
But once gone,  
That light is dead  
And in the darkness now,  
I know you never  
Will make your way back to me.





## Early Enough

Did you see it early?  
But how couldn't you have seen it?  
The early morning chats?  
The late-night repartees?  
The games you played with her?  
She calls and you answer...

You swivel in your chair  
And you smile down on your phone  
You sneak off to see her...  
To be with her

You hide her  
You defend her  
You will not stand a slight against her...

How couldn't you have seen  
that this was love?  
Your true love again?



## Never Love Again

I thought I would never love again  
I thought I would never dream again  
But I know now, that it was my pain speaking.

I wanted to go away and mourn forever.  
I thought everyone was laughing at me.  
I thought there was no hope anymore  
But darling, I thought wrong.

I know now that it is all over  
It was a war and I stood no chance  
Not in my naivete or my trusting heart.  
But it happened for you and  
Maybe you weren't even looking  
Some day, I hope it will happen for me too.



## A Fine Couple

A fine couple you two will make  
Like fine wine, you two will age.

Tall and proud, she bathes you in love  
Births to you, your pretty ones.

She will your heart fill with joy  
And laughter from your lips will flow  
Better suited for you she is  
And behind my thoughts will be.

I had no boys to you to give  
Three to you she gives for real  
Forever your love shall bloom and fly  
And on my way, I cry away



## Be Good To Her

Be good to her, this one  
And never let her get away  
I see it in her eyes - the fire.  
She is fierce and will fight back  
Not a good end will she give  
If you turn to bite on her.  
She is loyal  
And here for you.

You already proved yourself -  
Your wandering eyes,  
Your tongue, they hold few truths  
And your heart serves only you  
But to her,  
Be kind.  
No other woman should ever go through,  
The pining of one heart for another  
Whose heart already is lost to her



**Be Kinder-er**

I used to wish you both ill  
And rain curses upon your offspring  
But,

It is useless.

For one, those are fairy tales  
and another, those are evil.

The world needs more kindness  
The world beckons upon me  
To be kind-her  
For if the posts were given to me,  
I may be the one evil is called down on  
And even now, who says I am blameless?

May you both know only joy  
And great joy only  
And even though it hurts me  
To wish this,  
I look forward to my own path someday





**Enjoy The Pain**

Whatever it is you hurt from,  
Enjoy it  
No, I kid you not.

But how can I say this?  
When I live in so much pain?

Soonest my pain  
This pain,  
Will end.  
Never again will I feel it.  
But you who read this,  
I could have said many other  
but, they will mean not a thing  
If I did not go through this pain.



## God Is Dead. Don't Hail The Dead (1)

Isn't it a scam to believe in God?  
The loss of a child,  
The end of a union,  
The shame of your man  
gallivanting with every woman,  
Infertility,  
Bankruptcy,  
The uncertainty of the future?

You believe in God or not,  
This comes indiscriminately  
To the most of us.

Those who believe God are nice  
Those who believe not, are nice...

But if a good thing happens to me-  
I thank God.  
And that horror?  
He was testing me.  
Testing me?

(Cont...)



**God Is Dead. Don't Hail The Dead (2)**

In this test they tell me-  
My duty to hope on  
Upon the one who took me  
Who broke me  
Without a thought?

I reach out to him for... comfort.  
He breaks me,  
He picks me not up?

For my child, I will lift a car  
For my father, I lift up one too.  
Nah, I'm good.



## Awkward (1)

So by chance, you sat on my bed  
We had eyes on us  
No place left to stay  
Daughter, she made you lie down  
So here we are  
You on my bed lying there  
And I on my bed sitting there

We pretend this is normal  
Your warmth, it feels so good  
Oh how I have missed this  
But this  
This is awkward.  
We don't know what to do  
With our eyes  
So you fasten yours on daughter  
And mine stay glued to the screens

Do you feel awkward?  
My place used to be here  
A long time ago  
You loved it too  
You welcomed it

(Cont...)



**Awkward (2)**

But here is cold now  
Secrets upon secrets  
Words left unsaid  
You cannot wait to escape  
And I cannot wait to feel again  
The familiar coldness  
That can never betray me



**Worthless**

You never even tried again  
When it was over for you  
Cold.

Like college roommates  
Who couldn't be more different?

It was a closed book  
Snapped shut.  
At night you snuck out  
At midnight you crawled back  
With the morning light  
A swift hello  
Outward bound.

You never even tried  
My body yearned  
My heart was faithful  
Like a fool, I hoped  
I hoped for the longest  
Thinking my patience  
A virtue

But you were never going to  
Try again.



## Take A Mockery

I thought the mockery of  
The world was worse  
Than the loss of my love.  
I thought the laughter of kin  
Was worse than the loss of my love

While you screamed, I held a smile,  
You pushed me off  
Back, I came again.

In your eyes that shone with hate,  
I held fast  
Maybe, maybe, maybe  
If I held on  
This perfect picture I held up  
For all the world,  
Maybe that they see  
Not the hate in your eyes.



## A Bright Future

I look to the future and smile  
And look fondly at the aged.  
Life went through them  
But they made it.  
Some without their children  
Some without their husband  
Some without a job  
Some without a farm  
But yet, they made it.  
And when they talk to you,  
They do not mention the troubles  
Of their youth,  
A few... Maybe  
But for the many,  
They smile at the folly of the youth  
The hustle,  
The bustle  
The nonstop worries,  
They smile with knowledge.  
Those were not important after all,  
That gives me hope...





## Hopeless In God (1)

My friend asked me to have hope

Pray

Have faith

I listened to people of God

And now it draws a laugh

They tell what God can do

I tell what God has done

Of how he took a faithful heart

And broke it

Maybe I am selfish

But I am a mother

Even I shouldn't love harder than God.

How do I lift up my eyes to the hills

When I am bereaved of faith?

What do I pray for,

When I am in a drought of hope?

(Cont...)



**Hopeless In God (2)**

I loved the God I served  
The one I read about  
My soul longs for him all day long  
But alas, where I must go, I am in  
Shame  
Of what he should see.

To join the mockers of him gets easier  
I couldn't even use small letters to talk of him  
But now, my heart is resolute  
And I fear my innocence is gone- forever



## A Chore Most Hard

Oh to talk about your day to me  
What a chore, a chore most hard  
Your feet all booted up  
Even a goodbye,  
That too, a chore, a chore most hard.

For the one you love  
How easy, So easy  
That must be.



**Unseen**

I tried to get your attention  
But I was all noise.  
I performed,  
I sang  
I jiggled  
And I danced  
Like a circus monkey, I performed  
And disgusted  
You hung up your nose.



## Hypocrite, My Love

Love is petty  
You hypocrite, my love  
For love keeps you up late at night  
Like a rat,  
You bite off  
Hideout  
Pieces and pieces  
Of your heart  
Offering them up  
In gifts,  
Muted convos,  
In laughs, most true  
And in listening  
So free.

But to me, the one you pledged  
Your heart,  
Love is foolish  
Love is blind

So, my love,  
Why so in love?



## Dignity Lost

For courtesy, I asked,  
Tell me,  
Tell me, my love,  
Are you in love with her?  
I do not stop you,  
My darling, no, no.  
But for my dignity  
This cannot be hard.

She smiles to my face  
Her friends whisper the truth  
But your fear grips their heart  
And a fool I must remain  
But tell me, tell me my darling  
This cannot be hard.

You,  
You don't even like me.  
So, why?  
This cannot be hard.  
What?  
Is there a price upon dignity lost?  
My dignity lost that  
I know not off?



**Until You Fight**

Until the fight comes to you  
The strongest woman you are.  
Until on your knees  
Awake at night  
The future a monster  
Heart pounding on the floor  
Your present a blur of shame...

Until the fight comes to you  
The strongest woman you are.



**A Peaceless Existence**

Nothing hurts more  
Than a broken heart...

No.

That cannot be right.  
For acceptance follows a broken heart.

Nothing hurts more than lost peace  
You twist, you turn, you seek it  
But like the fortunate mosquito  
Your peace eludes you.





## Nothing New Under The Sun (1)

She knows everything I know  
Haha  
No, she knows you better now.  
And everything new,  
She gets your energetic  
Dramatizations  
It stales when you have to tell it again  
To me...  
A chore, a chore most hard.  
Why bother  
To even give me a clue?

What pictures of you  
She gets a copy  
Oh, who do I kid?  
I get a copy.  
She gets all of it  
And what little she  
Knows not?  
You blame yourself.

(Cont...)



**Nothing New Under The Sun (2)**

Has she ever done a wrong?  
Her words are gold dust  
What she says,  
That you must do  
Ts love  
And true love  
I cannot question



**Your Secret Is Safe**

Behind your doors, your secrets are safe  
At night, you must be alone  
For she must call to end your day  
So no whispers,  
And manfully, you must respond  
In peace



## The Price Of Secrets

I used to wonder what her secrets were  
That made you pledge your body to hers  
That turned your hate as crusted as rocks  
    She must teach us  
    This secret of hers.  
To make a man blind, deaf, and dumb.

I used to wonder what secrets she used  
That turned a house band outward-bound  
    Screens got blackened and  
On paper your heart you poured to her.  
Can her secrets be bought, my love?

I used to wonder about secrets  
Of hers and yours, what hurts  
    they must hold  
For my heart, uninitiated I am.

Can she tell us her price?  
I plan not on you to use them again  
For our paths have diverged at last  
And these pains, I want never again.



## So Slow Time Is

You cannot wait, right?  
You cannot wait.  
Away with me  
This space you must need  
Loneliness must engulf your heart for her  
At night when no nearer to you she isn't.

Not all can be said right now  
But promises, promises you both hold close  
And soon her lips will spill those words  
You know in her heart she guards untapped.

You must burn nightly wandering away  
Is she telling all the truth?  
Of men she claimed to love but lost?  
Of ones your wise counsel she sought  
Are they really over or a show for you?  
You wonder...  
You plead  
But you must wait.

Away with me  
Is indeed your one true hope.  
You must not wait,  
You cannot wait  
Over and over you chant her name  
The only flower that blooms your smiles



**First One Named Is First One Served**

God is good  
But he wasn't to me.  
I showed faith but she is faith  
Must be something in a name.  
For on that rock he built His church.

My name followed and made me a fool  
Gave to her  
Everything I wanted, and so much more

I was the back that broke.

Abuse is a bed of rocks  
Sometimes you don't even know  
you are quartered on it.  
Lay there long enough  
And you don't know right from wrong.

Abuse is a hardened bed of comfort  
When vulnerable souls feel shame.  
And rather than acceptance of fate  
We crave the familiar  
And refuse an out.

Abuse is a crown of thorns  
It is prickly alright but  
who says you deserve better  
Your ma did not get better  
Not your aunts either  
Not the poor single mother down the road  
Remember you once turned up your nose  
at them?

Who is laughing now?  
No. Not you.  
Abuse has become your well  
guarded secret.



**Our Heroes Are Human Too**

Never meet your heroes.

I met mine  
I loved mine  
I stayed with mine  
I worshiped mine  
Now I have come to tell  
You all the truth-  
Never meet your heroes.





## A Faultless Line

It wasn't that he was a bad man  
He just was no longer right for me.

It wasn't that he hated me  
He just loved someone else

It wasn't that he did not care  
He just watered elsewhere

It wasn't that his tongue was evil  
His words just became slashing blades.

It wasn't that I smelled bad  
His nose just wanted different

It wasn't that he hated hugs  
He just saw bugs on me

It wasn't that he was gay  
I just made his skin crawl.

It wasn't that he hated my looks  
He just hated the man he saw in me.



## Heartbroken Woman

See the woman whose heart was broken  
That is a woman whose heart is priceless

See that woman who walked away?  
That is a woman you must respect.

To the heartbroken woman who stays  
To the heartbroken woman who walks away  
Give every woman the respect she is due.



**Darling, Remember Me? (1)**

He hates that I apologize so much  
Darling, I hate me too.  
But I don't know who I am anymore.  
She knows though.

She is strong  
She speaks her mind  
She does whatever she wants...  
She takes risks.  
Darling, remember her?  
She used to be me.

She is loyal to you  
She loves your ways  
You can do no wrong in her eyes  
After you hurt her endlessly?  
She forgives,  
She takes you back  
Darling, remember her?  
She used to be me.

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**Darling, Remember Me? (2)**

You hated that about me, didn't you?  
The challenge  
The pursuit.

I wish I had known  
To show this brokenness  
There would be no challenge  
There would be no pursuit  
There would have been no us.  
I see you chase after her because  
Darling, remember her?  
She used to be me.

Let her go.  
From a distance you love it.  
The challenge  
Her eye rolls  
Her quick wits  
But you can't keep up  
And when she is closest,  
You will break her spirit.  
Because darling,  
She was me.




## The Woman In The Mirror (1)

I see her  
At her side glances at the mirror  
There is a glint in her eyes  
that used to burn  
But to survive,  
She had to push her down.

I see her haunted gaze  
In her flighty glances  
The quick repartee  
she bites down on  
The hurried movement  
before she slows down  
She had to push her down.

She bides her time  
She is no threat to anyone  
But she bides her time  
Waiting for takeoff  
She will not be pushed down.

(Cont...)



## The Woman In The Mirror (2)

Today she stares.  
She stares and stares.  
She stares hard at the mirror  
Of dreams, of possibilities  
Of the future and all  
that she can ever be  
And she will not be pushed down.



**Flash (1)**

She is flash  
She will flaunt your wealth.  
She knows what to do  
And you will love her for doing it.

You will teach her family be damned  
And it will be her way or the highway  
And she, she only needs a nod from you  
The rest, she will handle it for you.

On days she oversteps,  
A prod here and she nods  
Avoiding her master's dark.  
In and out she'll show herself  
Even to God, she's not this true.

With my arms I gather my friends  
On the floors, we spread a table  
Gathered around, we break our bread  
All is invited and none shall flash  
Except we all in agreement be.

(Cont...)



**Flash (2)**

Will she get the house I want?  
All the money you promised to me?  
Will she be the one to send  
Notes on me to hide my shame.

I see in her what in me I dread  
That she will love to flaunt and show  
Off to me in mockery and shame  
That she got it finally  
And her ring for your noose.





**Romantic Entanglements**

She is your closest friend  
And your words with her  
Inappropriate  
To all other ears.  
She a whore or don't you see?  
I know you see though  
You just think I don't.



## When Right Doesn't Feel Good

You tried to say I was disillusioned  
I was blind and paranoid  
Hasn't time proved me right?  
And you, a trumpeting liar?  
But there are no prizes.  
No awards here.  
Being right doesn't feel good.  
The pain in my heart is still the same.  
I truly am now disillusioned.



**For Her Mama (1)**

Your baby girl is all grown up  
So grown up she lives in my home.

You were angry at first  
But new shoes, new clothes, a new house  
The voices of neighbours, walled off

Your eyes will smile, your priest will clap  
A fat offering for his throne.

Squeeze it, squeeze it  
Till it drops.  
Time truly heals all wounds.

Give me a baby you say to her  
Get a ring and wear it white  
Make it real, make him stay  
Your heart can't take any more  
The uncertainty that once lived in me.

(Cont...)



**For Her Mama (2)**

You never will meet me,  
Hello in crowds, long distance  
Her back like yours,  
Turned to me  
Nonchalant, intentional.  
I swear,  
I don't know who was wronged.

But you know,  
You know.  
It was your baby girl  
But you never can say  
Not to me  
No more to your heart  
Your very grateful heart  
Which gives thanks to God.



## I Own You Now (1)

Her heart is beating faster  
Faster than her hips are twerking  
She pretends to be fine.  
From beneath her lashes she steals  
Coveted glances at me.

Was it all you thought it would be?  
You were me, remember that?  
But now a shell  
Of your former self.  
The performer I once was.

You lie on a bed of gold  
You don't think too deeply.  
And when you cough  
a complaint,  
Ungrateful, ungrateful, ungrateful  
Your ears hear.

But you will never tell me that  
Will you?  
You will crave my freedom

(Cont...)



**I Own You Now (2)**

You did not ask but I forgive you  
Never though will my lips assure you  
You knew exactly what you did  
And when it was still morning...  
You could have saved me



**Unfettered**

I sit in my sweat  
My hair is unshaven  
And my face like my bed is unmade  
I sit in comfort as a biscuit wrapper  
Joins the others on the floor.

My love is booted and ready to go  
All white, a knight he leaves  
To her arms  
To flirt, hold and love  
And at night, he retreats to sleep.

Once upon a time  
I could never sit in my mess  
Always shiny for my love  
But my love has no more need for me

Godspeed to the one he runs to  
Whip your hair in place and smile  
Tell a lie to those around  
Off you go, your love to gloat.



**Ringtones**

Can a sound make you nauseous?  
And a tune,  
A melodious tune,  
Trigger a panic within you?

Douse me with water for I am sick  
It is her who tolls for you.

We sneak glances and off you go  
To get down on that swiveling chair  
Where her words twirl you round.





**Grown Man (1)**

Look at you grown man  
Shivering  
Look of guilt on your face  
Don't know where to look  
I caught you  
You were on the phone  
With your love  
And I walked in...

Should you freeze?  
You don't know.  
What should you do  
But fidget  
Speak too much  
Too fast to me?

Awkward.  
Let's not do this again  
It's your life  
Live it.

(Cont...)



**Grown Man (2)**

You aren't doing  
anything new  
Pops did it  
Where is he now?  
Old  
Battered  
Alone

Live your life  
You don't owe me



## Dreams (1)

I used to dream of you,  
And of fine dining  
and children sprawled around  
But you said it was stupid  
I was silly and had my head in the clouds.  
Now I think you are silly.

I dream of fine dining,  
Of travels around the world  
Of friends engaged around the fireplace  
And the booming laughter of children  
Bouncing off the walls.

I dream that my toes skip giddy along beach  
Shores. My nose perfumed by flowers  
Yellow. I wake up to green trees and  
Crickets. My eyes taking in the beauty  
Of cascading waters. And white earth.

I dream of a knight pure in heart  
Of a true tongue  
And a heart heated up by my name  
And a skin quivering at my touch

(Cont...)



**Dreams (2)**

I dreamed that I wanted it all  
And when I woke up  
I wanted it all  
And in my heart, I know  
I will get it all.



**Don't Feed Me**

The food smells delicious  
I know it must taste heavenly  
But I pick at it.

I try to wolf it down  
But it just won't go  
So I set my spoon down.

The thoughts that plague my heart rise up  
And the food feels like pain to me  
I cannot take it down.

Another plate goes to waste.



**Gone Girl**

If there was no one else  
I had a prayer  
That you will miss me after I'm  
Gone.

But I know now  
The relief you feel  
Now that I am gone.



**The Cliche Is True**

I used to be angry  
Not all men are the same!  
How dare you all

I used to be angry,  
Don't plan,  
All your love to your children  
You married wrong

For my love is a giant above men  
He never would my heart hurt  
He always will be true

My love got me good  
Thrashed and taunted  
So good,  
I turned to poetry



**Wild Thing**

Grief is a wild thing  
And sneaky. Like it plays a game.  
On my corner, soaked in tears  
There's your corner booming with laughs.

A chime, a flash calls my phone  
Brings me news from my kin  
A chime, a flash calls your phone  
Brings you love from her bowels  
And my heart to my feet.





**New Day, Old Me**

It is good to start afresh  
The one good thing about heartbreak  
Now I know who I am  
And that there are hearts like yours.

Heartbreak makes one true  
To self alone and you must come  
To walk on glass that once was whole  
And lived quite safe in your heart.

Heartbreak heartbreak tolls for me  
When shall I be whole again  
Every day I think is new but  
With sighs, I leave my bed.



**Separated**

We've got separate rooms  
And separate baths.  
Don't think I know you in the dark  
I bet your moles she can tell



## Mind Games

Do you even have secrets?  
Yes you do but not from them  
They have a diary of your depravity  
They know you are just a man  
Like every other worm

Boldly you appear on pages  
Where people find love  
Boldly you connect to faces  
On the book  
With your corny lines.  
I shame for you



**Baby Please Sleep**

Rock a bye baby, you should be asleep  
Mummy is up to do grown up things  
To mourn, to wail and sigh away



**Now You See Me**

Our gloves are off now, aren't they  
No more pretense you see me  
Blocked on pages, we smile all fake  
Around folks who know us a bit more

Voicemail voicemail when I call  
Voicemail voicemail when you call  
We never say it, we both all grown  
I'm the old and you his new  
Never know my pain baby girl  
We done with words  
Like kitties we fight.



**Melted Away**

My cooler is bad but yours is great  
Rather melt in this heat than give a knock  
On those doors, behind you lay  
Keeping your secrets from my world



## Promise Of Tomorrow

I promise you babe, it isn't forever  
Soon quite soon, we'll be out of here  
To another land to start afresh  
To you there, I give the world.

We'll be free to roam and free  
All spoiled for choice and fun  
Things to do  
No more tears and sighs at night  
This to you I give my word



**Play Dead**

I wish trust was not so needed  
For me to be with you  
I would hide my head in the sand  
Play dead like the wild squirrel  
You can see me  
And I can see you  
But I pretend we can't.





## Typhoon Eye

She is front and center  
And in all the pictures  
She was your second most loyal  
lieutenant  
But even she knew you had eyes  
For the one that cruises on you

Her rent is paid up  
You fuel her jets and  
She dresses in tags  
You ship to her.

She gets the best hand-me  
Downs.  
Even the deaf know to be safe  
On her good side.  
What a hoot it must be  
For the both of you.



**Babe**

Babe babe, she called to you  
Oh no, it crosses a line  
Babe for me to you is kept  
My Naivety was appalling to you

Now I know, now I see  
My love, my love you call to her  
Nothing is sacred and nothing is kept  
Not for me, you don't even care.



## Freewill

My lane is where I speak no words  
Don't question your moves  
And let you live  
However you please.  
That is my lane.

Stay in your lane  
Over and again you chant  
To me.

For you my love,  
I stay on my lane  
Hope I stay forever on it.



**Oh Baby**

Baby, can you see me?  
Just one more time?  
Just to tell me really who you are  
Because the you I see this time  
Chills my every being

Baby, please see me  
One more time  
Before you are whited and booted  
Running to her  
Running to them  
How did you convince yourself so?



**A Good Day**

Oh honey...child...  
You look so good  
You smell so fine  
Damn, she must look better

Give her that meaningful look  
Batting her eyelids, she sashays  
Give an excuse you take her out  
To hear that throaty laugh all-day

And come night you had a good day  
Sweetheart, you were looking so damn  
Fine. mission accomplished you all fooled  
Us all.



**Way Ahead Of You**

What a solemn promise  
You have made me:

You will be a noise  
On my phone  
When you leave

I want out  
God, how I want it  
You, idiot- gone forever  
And my peace forever mine

And when I hear a noise I don't like  
I scrub it off and move  
On.



**Senseless Housing**

You think we fight because  
I do not hear you.  
We fight because you  
See me not  
And when I seek to touch you  
You scream  
Spittle pouring out.

All I taste are lies  
I wish I could smell them  
No more.



## Child Please

For all the things my friends tell me  
Be strong  
Don't show emotion  
You loved with all your heart  
Be brave  
And no more tears

It is like having a child  
Comatose. Do you just...  
Do you just pull the plug?  
You don't wanna be a thousand  
Times sure

Did you even carry that child?  
And nurse that child  
And dream the world of that child  
If you just pull the plug

So I do what I have always done  
I snoop one last time  
I speak out of tune...one last time  
And like the hydra,  
I get stung all over my heart  
One last time.





**Not Picture Perfect**

Pictures lie  
Up on my walls are lies  
Of smiles and kisses and promises  
And those are the start

Soon soon I will smash you up  
You cannot come where I go  
Where to self I must be true  
And hurt will no longer live

Smash smash I cannot wait  
Down the dumps, you fly away  
Still, my heart, be still my heart  
The day it draws and tolls quite close

So I do what I have always done  
I snoop one last time  
I speak out of tune...one last time  
And like the hydra,  
I get stung all over my heart  
One last time.



**Mama Raised No Fool**

Fool me once it is your shame  
Fool me twice, I am a fool  
A fool a fool a fool for you

Fool me once you would be true  
On the twice, you gave your word  
Best and ever for your queen  
I smiled and thought you talked of me

Fooled me yes I was your fool  
So easy was no challenge  
Say for life you assure  
I smile and nod, I know you lie



**I See Me Now**

I see me  
The me in me  
The me that breaks  
Into a dance  
With no provocation

I see me  
I see me now  
The me that takes my pain  
And says you must not waste  
This time is too precious

I see me now,  
The me I love  
All these tears will fade away  
Alone at night I'll clap my hands  
Did it, did it, I got away!



## Daily Routine

It is morning but you are safe  
behind your doors  
Evening comes and you are booted up  
Time to hit the town  
And see you at night.

It is the weekend and you are safe  
Behind your doors, you dial away  
Evening comes, you are booted up  
See you, Moro,  
You call from afar



**Good Morning, god (1)**

I made you my god  
And at your altar, I bowed daily  
Did not know how that happened  
But it is true

Yes, I started with the drama  
When I saw in your eyes  
You had lost me  
I tried with the tears  
And the words and the pleas  
And my shame was like dust  
Nothing upon the earth

My world revolved around you  
Your word, my command  
Show pony, I danced  
And aye, to my master's wishes  
Perceived, given or imagined  
And that was a card you played too well  
When it worked, you took credit  
When it did not  
Your approval was loud


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**Good Morning, god (2)**

For what does it cost when it  
Is abundant?  
So abundant.  
I made you my god  
That was on me  
But you could have protected me  
Just to keep an oath.

Love cannot be hidden  
No. It shines like the sun  
Protrudes like the baby in the belly  
You say so many words  
Of how I am mistaken  
But darling,  
Booted up,  
Clean shaven  
The gift in your pocket  
The smile as you gaze down  
Upon those screens  
The hurry of your feet  
Because she is on the  
Other side...  
Darling, you are a man in love



## The Virtuous Don't Survive (1)

Good girls finish last  
And if you are a good girl  
You will finish last.  
You can cry,  
You can say I lie  
But my dear,  
Soon you will see,  
I tell the truth.

Our goodness is innocent  
and wrong.  
The world rewards the immoral  
Keep your morality underfoot  
And join those who sold their  
Virtues  
Or had none to begin with.

Begrudge them not their ill-gotten  
gains.  
They hustle for their gold  
And they will take your home  
And crucify you for  
Letting them in.

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## The Virtuous Don't Survive (2)

The world mocks good girls  
Our guts they hate.  
Our innocence offends them and  
Even though we say not a word  
They judge themselves through our ways  
And blame us for it.

Don't be a good girl my darling  
Or maybe keep your morality  
Hidden where the sun never shines.

The things you will do  
After I am gone  
Given you all that space  
For all that freedom  
Which your heart really craves.

Is this the life  
You willingly sacrificed our love  
The future we fought for  
The dome for our children  
For the lusts of your flesh.

Is this all there is  
A new one every other day  
Endless smokes and naked bodies  
Depravity  
Ungodliness  
In the clubs  
And where we once called home  
And then you have made it.

If this really is what you want  
Then darling please have it  
And though inner my heart I cry  
Above all else, I wish you well.



## Swept Away

Slowly but surely we peel away  
Twas babe but now your lips  
Too heavy to call out that lie

Slowly but surely, we hide away  
Pictures, chats, in folders safe  
Videos, audios, to replay at night

Slowly but surely we fade away  
You engineer it and I must feel it  
All downhill never to rise



## Tattered Up

I came short of a trinket  
across the bridge  
Of my nose  
Tattoos I got  
A flaming head of hair  
I lightened my self  
Whatever to stay shiny  
To get your eyes on me  
All the pains for my troubles

Just to hear you say these precious words:

Soon you shall be gone  
Then I can begin to enjoy  
My life.  
I will answer to no one  
And if you disturb me a bit  
I will gladly block your calls.



**Unconvinced**

You are a tamed man  
You are a read man  
You are a hard man  
But you are a good man

Why really, why?  
How really how?  
How did you get here?

What do you have to prove  
And to who do you prove it  
And why do you choose to prove it?



**Philosopher**

Remember all those days  
We sat in the dark and dreamed?  
Remember all those walks  
We pointed and hoped  
Soon our time will come.

Remember our song?  
Yeah, that one  
Of promises made and  
Promises kept  
The one you forbade your lips  
To sing again  
And warned of me  
My silliness to cease.



## He Is Lucky To Have You

My friend came today  
And I had hope.  
She talked of a person  
With hopes and strength  
And beauty dignified. Of a  
Kindheart, an aura sure and  
True-  
Me.  
It was me she talked of  
And oh,  
To hear those words was light  
To my darkened paths  
And fire to my bones  
Even if I believed not a word.




## Little Drops Of Water

It started small  
A look here,  
A scream there  
And a bad day, I thought it was.

It became the little things  
The hurts, I took their blame  
Booming voice made me  
Feel as useless as a single  
Grain of rice. On a Sunday morning  
It was my god. On others,  
I had no redemption.

The small things are everything.





**Another Day, Another Lie**

It was another lie, wasn't it?  
That I was family  
And your stead I'll bear.

It was another lie, wasn't it?  
Oh, whatever with you was real?  
Layers on layers my eyes you bleed  
That you see, imagine my heart.



## Hello Midnight

It is closer to midnight  
But she says hello  
What wickedness is this?  
Is she jealous of a man who should be  
With his wife?

Why does she say hello and hello?  
Her loins don't ache for you  
She just wants to keep you  
As long as she can  
Just because she knows she can

It is closer to midnight  
Yet, she creeps up  
Morning to morning, she acts for you  
Performer performer monkey she is  
Dance and twirl she acts for you

Welcome welcome to her you say  
Was supposed to be for you to laugh  
Except your head you went and lost  
And now like dirt beneath your shoes  
You trump and stump and break my back



## Walk A Mile In My Shoes

Darling, if you were me  
Not that you ever will be but,  
If you were me...  
Would your man be up all night  
Delighting another  
While alone in the dark, you cry?

Darling if you were me  
How happy will you be,  
The same games with my man you play  
The calls, the chats, the rubs you give?  
Darling, what if you were me?

Darling if you were me,  
Would you have packed your bags  
To Mama and kept them down?  
With tears in your eyes,  
heart in tatters,  
And a cow ill-enough  
To appease your sorrows?  
Gone forever will you not?  
So darling, what if you were me?



## What Do Broken Hearts Say?

We are sorry you had to walk this path  
We should have known better but  
We didn't  
We cry your tears and hold your heart  
From the floors on which they lay

We are sorry we were not as strong  
As tough a broad as we thought we were  
Had no one to hold-

Your hand  
Your head,  
Your tears,  
Your back,  
Your tongue.




## The Holes On The Wall

Do you say these words  
Because you know they hurt  
That they pierce my skin  
My heart and my hope?

Why beat a dead horse?  
You flog and you kick  
One whose flag is raised  
A flag so white, a flag so pure

Why do you still kick  
When these words already  
On my heart, crested?  
Even a savage dog  
Deserves a swift end.



## The Sins Of The Fathers (1)

We come from broken homes  
Of fathers who scorned mothers  
Of mothers whose hearts were bitter  
And who poured the venom  
For their men  
Into the hearts of their children.

We come from broken homes  
From places Brother looked  
With suspicion on brother  
And sisters took sides  
I thought we would be family  
To build anew what once was lost

We come from broken homes  
I thought we learned  
To hold on to  
Our ideals,  
And work through  
Dark dreary days  
Open and honest  
Avoiding these things  
Things snagging the foot  
Our forebears fell prey

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## The Sins Of The Fathers (2)

We come from broken homes  
I thought the pains of our homes  
Will keep us on our toes  
But carnal thoughts  
Became actions

The lure of their swollen breasts  
The sway of hips so free  
The batting of glued-on lashes...  
Like Esau, you sold our right  
To not come from a broken home



**God Approved**

Dear God,  
If you can hear me...  
Bless this love for my love  
They are meant for each other  
Such fine people  
May the world envy their love  
And may we all celebrate their union.

Oh God  
Bless this love in which my love has fallen  
He didn't ask but  
My approval I give  
Both are such fine people  
The best couple, they will make

So God,  
Bless the union of the lovebirds!





**Irony & Much**

All the things I prayed for  
None of them came to pass  
All the hurts I feared  
All of them came to pass

There I lost my faith in the father  
But now I see it  
None of the things I prayed for  
Were right for me.  
Not for me and not for my love.

Praise to the father be.



## The Ghost Between Us

In a relationship like ours  
Trust was our currency

But now you threaten me  
Move on in acceptance

Is she all you talk about  
You are obsessed...

But darling can't you see  
That there is a ghost between us

She makes me uncomfortable  
Though you love it.

Her presence mocks me  
Though you welcome it

And I cannot exorcize her  
Because you wouldn't let me

Darling how do I move on  
When there is a ghost between us?



**Dullard (1)**

I woke up slow  
Like in a daze  
One in a sleep  
I woke up slow  
As though I had been jazzed.

I couldn't think it...through  
My heart couldn't take it  
Could it be true...really be true?  
That what he says is true?  
Didn't love me anymore?  
Care...about me?  
No. We have too much history  
Too much love.

I woke up slow  
Was I always this dull  
The screams did not wake me  
And when he shoved me harder  
I didn't awake

(Cont...)



**Dullard (2)**

Did I really hear all those words  
But stayed to pray all those words  
Did I really see that raging hate  
The disgust as you hung up your nose?

Was I always really this slow  
Or did I just become this slow?



## Goodbye My Darling

They are too many  
And their names roll off the tongue.  
All queens, all lustre, no dulling  
And they are up for grabs.

They know what they want and  
To get that,  
They know who they want.

They have arrived to get my darling  
And he very willingly goes with them.

Where I would have paused,  
they have broken through.  
I must have had an easy life  
If this remains this shocking to me.

Oh my love, all peace to you  
Grab them hard and don't let go  
Curtains have fallen on us and  
For my lift, I wait and cry.



**Owned (1)**

I have learned two truths  
That you cannot throw away the child  
With the bath water. Also have I learned  
Two sides exist to every tale.

I have told my tale  
My pen has spoken my truth  
What the world does with my truth  
That I exist to see  
Not to apologize  
Not to explain  
why I stayed too long  
And how I exaggerate  
And the days to regret are through.

Have I been unkind my darling?  
I fear you must look away for  
The book bites harder.

You cannot give me a hurt  
And tell me what to do with it  
That really was my second truth.

(Cont.)



**Owned (2)**

I have done with my pain  
What the creator has made me be  
Defend it not I must caution  
For time and time again,  
Africa has eaten her brides  
Without questions

I am the porcupine though.  
My pen you cannot break  
Though you squeeze to bend.  
And pandering tongues speak for you.

Where do broken hearts go?  
Where they have always gone  
Covered, broken, bitter

I am the back you broke  
But my shells are too rugged  
Too crusty to be swept  
Aside.

Now though you walk and  
guard your heart  
I will take what I get  
Even if only your feet I bleed.



**Over**

I really am over my tears  
Over my broken heart  
I am over my pathetic self  
And this.  
Heart pounding and legs curled up  
Get over yourself, girl!  
I scream to myself.

I really am over been broken  
This has taken the last of my pain  
I have squeezed until my ink is dry  
Whatever else I shall add  
May it be of joy.  
Now I go sit in a corner  
And listen as my heart pounds.



For the longest I kept  
Up a charade  
I am a liar  
A big fat liar  
A tragic performer  
Cos who would have thought  
I had all this mess

I hate that I pulled down  
This curtain  
The picture is not cracked  
The picture is shattered  
A look at my heart  
Mirror image  
Just like you after her on socials

But I was a liar  
And for us  
I could tell a lie to  
Me myself and I  
But now I am all alone  
And I cannot lie to  
Me myself and I



## **Fearfully & Made (1)**

The prayers, I did it  
Quiet they said, let God work  
So like a sheet, I rolled over  
Possum like I played dead  
For you my love, for you

I saw my old man as he spat fire  
Terrorized our poor dear hearts  
Oh yes he did  
But memories oh memories oh  
Cos for the longest, I hated him so

I swore it would never be my home  
I swore I would protect the children  
Like a mom should do...  
Like a mom should have done...

But where was mom  
Silent. Prayerfully she took it  
I swore I would never be mom  
But look at me now playing dead  
Wishing and wishing for it to be over

(Cont...)



**Fearfully & Made (2)**

I hated the man who torched our peace  
And loved the one who did nothing  
But why play dead when there is a life  
Beyond these walls  
Where you can live again



**Warriors Warriors, Everywhere (1)**

This is for you strong woman  
Everywhere.  
You are divorced  
You are single  
You are married  
You say your piece  
And you are hated for it  
I see you because in your stories  
You saw me

Never stop holding up this flag  
I saw it when mine was down  
Battered  
Dirtied  
Hopeless  
There was no light  
You lighted my way  
In your stories I saw myself  
Treading your scars I healed myself

Possible possible you gave me hope  
Whimpering wavering  
I took your ropes  
And though it is a long way up  
This rope will not leave my hands

(Cont...)



**Warriors Warriors, Everywhere (2)**

I see you though you know me not  
But this girl will rise again  
That I can assure you  
Your words were not in vain  
You blew a kiss, it bloomed my heart

Now I pass on the torch  
In hopes that once again  
Another woman sees this flag  
Warms her heart  
In the smoldering fires  
Of my broken words

Possible, possible I tell you all  
Take this rope  
Yourself save  
A life awaits for your dance  
Or sing a song  
Whatever way, do something  
And let us know you saw our flag



The End.





Where  
Do  
Broken Hearts  
Go?