

Three Sentences, Adding up to One Spectacular Disease of the Heart

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1. Oh I'm just kicking around in the leftover moon dust you could say
I'm certainly not waiting around for your satellite
feed anymore certainly never ever hoping to see if
your free falling hair strand still looks like it belongs on no other
perfected face on earth or more to the heavens more than to the
whole spinning earth tribes gathered together in one
timeless vortex whatever I don't mean to talk about you at all there's
a whole new world of faces relax you'll find something else to dive
for and someone new to do it with and yeah I've still got plenty of my
neat little prettied up poems pouring out of me like falling in fast
motion leaves precious blood leaking rivulets than ever so

slowly you should know fast was probably a mistaken metaphor
anyway from a long time ago so yeah oozing straight out of the
center of me so I don't really need really want you to inspire me with
your pitiful dancer's teeth anymore sailing an unlikely smile my way
if you please like a ship in the night the kind that doesn't come from
eating a chicken sandwich at your local know what I mean that's the
problem for me you always knew you've just got it whatever it is and
said so but you'll watch the rolling leaves crack like biscuits into
dust until you get bored again bored with uneven sidewalks bored
with rainy day scarves with brokenhearted car doors with bad
hinges on bad movies on the backs of bad trailers inside and outside
of my mind's eye I swear oh there I go again but like I said I think
maybe

you've got it all quite wrong if you ask me and you've always had it

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painted on there the whole time at your least beck and call but all you want is to rack up another cool thing you haven't tried to consume yet did you ever think about the price to others again doesn't matter I've seen you sway them they end up remorseful for being so foolish in the face of your unbelievable crushing beauty and you always smile perfectly as you kick them out of the moving car but I've never seen you turn your head back around not once and take a look

someday when you do so you're going to see a huge cave-in I suppose.

2.I don't need to count the stars with anyone else but as you've noticed I'm sure they go on forever or longer than I have the time to care about or matter while you'll be invited to each new heavenly discovery until your name will be carved on even the thinnest stardust and used to dazzle mere mortals with a thousand bizarre dreams later that they will never be able to forget some will collect names hoping to eventually find yours among them to read aloud and then say it shout it over and over again until every bell in their silly heads

has been rung every last song has been drained of its inner most musical twitch and moan and rumble every built for a dream left alone to climb a frightening pair of stairs has been climbed and now there is no need to go further only you'll already be at the bottom again waving bye bye baby see you next year or never how about we just say never and let it go at that you can't expect to go where I am going after all I am the key and a key will travel through a lock every time it's given the chance that's all you don't have to cry it's not always about you it's about travel that's all my poor little feet cannot curl up for too long in one particular spot isn't that how you put it while he waited uncomfortably in the next holding

room gripping an empty rocking chair box in his calloused

hands and an almost too plush cushion under each arm casting his long cold afternoon shadow on your back like a net while you collected the tears from us that could later be turned into some awfully fast cash on the sly the kill would be his blame to bear alone later on in life's wreckage and you'd rather leave history to the soft students and it's so easy to change your shoes into swans and glide away on a slick ice lake made of nothing more than the long locks of your own slippery hair like a lost highway that simply rolls up into itself and pops off into a nothingness like a firecracker like the first rain drop like the

engine in the night that roars off into a million possibilities while you beg it to wait just wait please wait please wait for me please oh.

3. And so yes as you can see I'm still barely alive yet somehow I'm here dressed in words but feeling a bit like a surfer's washed up board with a big chunk bitten out of its fiberglass middle the only thing anyone can do for me now is speculate on how big the creature must have been who targeted me but you you are completely disappeared and now the only reality you fit into is the one that is missing as well but well I find myself not so

alone in these broken woods after all there are a lot of wandering souls in here a lot more than you would ever have thought still this is no garden lost in another garden's gummy ears it's a cold cold cold unsatisfied breeze that slaps these rocks with its heartless wind cranked hand but the beat is so monotonous to hear my golden framed friend...but okay you don't want to hear this noise it's just no fun to dance to and without fun there's no colorful restaurants to sit in only sorrow and its stupid little snotty children and with sorrow you need only one pair of pants to fit into I get it you were made for so much more than me and my big bursting heart on your sleeve thing but did you ever give thought to the meaning of

your sharpened hands while digging so deeply into my dirt so deeply
that it ended up like a prayer in my head what did you put in there
anyway and why did you grow something in me if you weren't going
to be around to take care of it how did I get to be the caretaker of
something I'd much rather forget right now and forever and yet I
see that it needs me not that it belongs in the world of lonely
people nothing asks for this kind of pain not even from your kind of
hell and so I come here and let it fall into the rank pit of this poem
it's all I can do for you now my love it's all I want to do for you
now so if you don't mind here's

your wedding gift may it bring you hours of utter silent happiness
set among the many other captured flowers.

Bonus poem:

The Last Time

we met you wanted to
be hungrily kissed in
the dark with a small moon
for your only pillow
and just stars for your billowing
 nightgown. How am I
to go forward with so
much sweet chaos in my
mind? I am wrecked upon
your lips like a delirious
 dilapidated
old sailor who embraces
the surrounding
sea like it's an arrow
through a sad and thirsty heart.

