



# *Only Anthem*

EVERYTHING THAT DIDN'T REACH YOU

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## When the Wind Blows

For when the wind blows,  
Howling, hollowing—  
Gentle hands push aside,  
Curtains pulled from the night.

For when the wind blows,  
Hollering, haunting—  
Calm gestures call it in,  
Let the cold sit beside.

Every door swings open slow,  
Like it knows what we don't...

When the wind blows, we let it in,  
Dress it up like a welcome friend,  
Set the table, make pretend—  
We were never breaking.

When it stops, we stand alone,  
In a room that overgrew,  
All the space it never knew.  
It was taking.

For when the wind blows,

Haltling, harkening—  
Seating guests a  
Every breath occupied.

For when the wind stops,  
Startling, suddenly—  
Standing room only now,  
But there's no one inside.

And the silence hits too loud,  
Like a truth we talked around...

When the wind blows, we let it in,  
Dress it up like a welcome friend,  
Set the table, make pretend—  
We were never breaking.

When it stops, we stand alone,  
In a room that overgrew,  
All the space it never knew.  
It was taking.

We assume we can resume,  
Pick the pieces where they fell,  
Shape them back into a room  
That forgets it was a shell.

Like the walls don't bear a bit,  
Like the air's the same as then—

But the wind has memory,  
And it lingers in our chest.  
When the wind blows, do we bend?  
Or just break and call it end?  
Let it in or just defend  
What we're saving?

When it stops... nothing moves,  
Just the proof of what it proved—  
We are not who we resume  
After shaking.

## January

Now we face the dealer, cards in  
hand,  
Cigarettes and borrowed breath.  
Walking through these face-down  
walls,  
Sevens and fours leave me chasing  
what's left.

Three is four without you near,  
Me minus six is hope again,  
Ten cold days replay the past,  
Conversations stitching skin.

Words spill faster than you hear,

Like a river rerouting itself.  
You took the rhythm from my chest,  
Now every current doubts itself.

These are black eyes from you,  
These are black eyes from you.  
Nightmares born from dreams  
That never made it through.

But the difference now is truth,  
No illusion to push me through,  
Everything turns real  
When I say I love you.

Everything smells like cheap cologne,  
Beds that never fit two hearts.  
Every fall was warning signs,  
Every fracture played its part.

Under clouds we disappear,  
Drifting into lonely matter,  
You keep saying nothing matters,  
But silence only shatters louder.

Now predictable's our crime,  
Nothing planned but all undone.  
Searching every scar for meaning,  
Counting losses one by one.

Every dream you ever held  
Won't arrive in that boxed-in  
room,  
Staged before an audience  
That only makes space for you.

Sharing never was the rule,  
Still I held the line we drew...  
It was always us —  
Never just me and you.

These are black eyes from you,  
Proof of everything we knew.  
If love survives the wreckage,  
Tell me what else could be true.

Now my world won't counterfeit,  
No disguise left to break through,  
Everything is real  
Every time I love you.

I'm Going to Make  
it Worth Your Time  
to Waste Mine

I was, writing by the sun  
Thought that we weren't done  
But it seems to me it always is.  
The things I miss are what I'm  
supposed to miss

They told me not to move  
Said I had nothing left to lose  
But that's not true

Do you remember last July  
You said it was all just a lie  
It never was, it never was a  
waste of time  
If you ever loved me, you  
should've tried  
I remember you saying it was  
worth my time

Remember packing up  
All the things you left behind  
Memories you'll never find  
The hours changed, and so did I  
But I've lived through sleepless  
nights

I'm going to make it worth your  
time  
To profoundly come waste mine

I've got an old love burning  
With no hope of turning  
The wedding bells aren't crashing  
But all hell is lashing  
The sins I am, the wrong I've  
done  
The world won't hear a single song

Remember how it changed  
You left my whole world rearranged  
Upside down, the clocks won't tick  
The songbirds came and left too  
quick  
They came just to remind me

And every stupid line  
About how your heart needs mine  
Well obviously it's doing fine

Can you make it make sense  
When you tell all your friends  
About the one who loved you most  
As time flew by, you let me go  
You were everything I had

I'm going to make it worth your  
time  
To profoundly come waste mine  
I've got an old love burning

With no hope of turning

I'll make it worth hers to put me  
in a hearse  
She can watch me go down below  
Six feet of dirt and hollow earth  
And I'll fix the things I couldn't  
change  
But last of all, I'll fix the things  
you gave away

Every Once in a  
While

Every once in a while,  
I feel my veins bracing  
For the flood of you rushing in  
And I can hardly breathe.  
When you say—  
It's enough of a distance,  
I swear it couldn't matter

I swear it couldn't matter.  
I swear it couldn't matter.

Every once in a while,  
I go to war with myself,  
Fighting the ache that lingers.

And my heart forgets to beat.  
When you say—  
I don't want to wake up,  
I swear it will always matter.  
It will always matter.  
It will always matter.

Every once in a while,  
I see your smile,  
Feel gravity tether me here,  
When all I want is to be near.  
When you say—  
It's all I ever needed.

It's not the distance;  
Nothing stands in our way.  
It's not the distance;  
Nothing stands in our way.

Every once in a while,  
I go to war with myself,  
Fighting the ache that lingers,  
And my heart forgets to beat.  
When you say—  
I don't want to wake up,  
I swear it will always matter.  
It will always matter.  
It will always matter.

Every once in a while...  
I just want to exist.  
I just want to exist.

## The Cartoon Robbery of Teal Walls

It was the wind behind my back,  
The words that it screamed,  
And the questions leaving my lips  
Left my heart reamed.

How does it feel  
Shouting against the sky?  
Defining loss as the way ahead  
Yet falling so far behind.

There's nothing here anymore...

With the wind in my face,  
I'm screaming for nobody to hear  
me.  
Proving no one ever cared  
For the things I used to say.

Bitter sweet lines of beating hearts

And shallow graves,  
Menacing corruptions  
Are making us fake.

So we kept running  
Through the places we used to  
hide,  
Asking everyone we knew  
If they still had their pride.

Our hotel rooms held things  
Worse than bed bugs,  
Something scarier  
Than rotting flesh.

One day we'll see what the world  
brings  
To those who wait,  
While the ones blowing kisses  
Still keep us away.

With the wind in my face,  
I'm screaming for nobody to hear  
me.  
Proving no one ever cared  
For the things I used to say.

Nowhere in this world  
Can I see myself wishing I was

Anywhere but the places  
I used to hide.

White walls and humming dryers,  
The only place I felt content  
Bring myself —  
Pressed against them.

These battered questions  
Leave me searching for answers  
I'm afraid of...

Yet once again  
The world stopped me  
From spinning out of control.

With the wind in my face...  
Still screaming...  
Still screaming...

For nobody to hear me.

## The Promissory Note of First Class

I miss you much and I hope you know,  
I want you here to call my own,  
Oh, so call it living if living means alone,  
Last I checked your arms were thrown  
Around my neck, holding close,  
We were breathing slow, we were breathing slow.

Pre-Chorus  
We were dancing in a candlelit room,  
Music spilling like a quiet truth,  
Melodic, romantic,  
Everything I never thought I'd lose.

My darling, how I need you here,  
Why am I wasting away every day?  
Send me your way in a brown box, dear,  
And I'll be waiting at your

doorway.  
I don't care if it's raining down,  
Or early, or you're not around,  
So long as I see you,  
So long as you see me too.

So long as I carry through,  
The motions we made, hidden from view,  
Candles trembling, gold and blue,  
Our feet barely touched the ground we knew.  
Romance was the only sound,  
Nothing lost, nothing found,  
But now I'm reaching through empty air,  
And you're no longer there.

Still dancing in that candlelit room,  
Music fading far too soon,  
Melodic, romantic,  
Gone like breath against the moon.

My darling, how I need you here,  
Why am I wasting away every day?  
Send me your way in a brown box, dear,

And I'll be waiting at your doorway.  
I don't care if it's raining down,  
Or early, or you're not around,  
So long as I see you,  
So long as you see me too.

I can hear you singing already,  
I can hear you calling my name,  
I can hear you singing already,  
But nothing is the same.  
As you pass me by,  
As you've passed me by,  
As you pass me by,  
As you've passed me by.

I miss you much and I hope you know,  
I never learned to let you go,  
Still dancing slow in candlelight,  
Alone with you in memory's glow.  
I can hear you already...  
I can hear you already...

## Living at Moat Cliff, Pt. 2

Nonsense played a role in playing for money  
None of what we found at the bottom could pay this off  
Entirely debited to the world around me  
Falling from bottom to top never made a sound

Choking from the way the air struggles to breathe  
Thicker than oxygen, refuses to leave  
From under the gun, I see the man I couldn't be  
Always incriminated for songs I couldn't sing

Every word I owed came back unpaid  
Every step forward stayed delayed

I was better off on my own  
I poisoned everyone around me  
I was better off in my own town  
Poised to be everything to those who looked away

Breathing like the room is closing in  
Walls too close to call this safe  
Every promise written in my skin  
Reads like something I can't erase

I stood still long enough to fall  
Without the fall making a sound  
I learned how to lose it all  
Without leaving this town

I kept my head down, kept my  
name  
Still came up short all the same

I was better off on my own  
I poisoned everyone around me  
I was better off in my own town  
Poised to be everything to those  
who looked away

How did I get back on this cliff?  
Must've been failing to live up to  
my name  
The last time you let me

I was better off on my own  
I poisoned everyone around me  
I was better off in my own town  
Poised to be everything to those

who looked away

Living at Moat Cliff  
Still standing where I shouldn't  
be

## Up and Around

He never said what colors we  
would see,  
Only that if we saw them that we  
were blessed.

In whichever arrangement we find  
our flowers,  
They are pleasantly presented to us  
at our go arounds.

She was up in the middle of the  
night,  
Holding onto him one last time for  
her dearest life.

Hating the feeling she could never  
let go.

For the wolves came knocking,  
And we waited in our own skin  
under the wool.  
Thinking you'd always stay was

what made me the ultimate fool!  
For the wolves came knocking,  
And we waited in our own skin  
under the wool.  
Understanding the strength of the  
trees about the town,  
Upon the cross, one of the beams  
came falling down.  
I thought I was the only one  
falling apart.

Here she laid upon this bed,  
Holding back her tears.  
And in her head lived her longest  
fears.

Upon his chest,  
The hardest beating from the heart  
that swallows most.

Time to let go of the love that was  
the best!  
Time to let go!

The hardest thing to say was  
goodbye...  
Up and around the broken cross,  
and again.  
I'm still waiting your train's  
arrival

At the platform of my heart

## Ten Cats with Only Fourteen Legs

We'll never walk through this city  
together  
We'll never see what else is out  
there  
You should've seen what we had  
back then  
We should have known how it  
would end

Your bed was always our favorite  
place  
Eyes locked on the television glow  
Not enough time spent in between  
us  
Just silence filling what we don't  
know  
And you were always caught inside  
me  
Like a word I couldn't get out

I wish I could make you smile

Even just for a little while  
But you're drifting somewhere far  
away  
And I'm still here, wishing you  
could stay

Yeah, I wish I could make you  
smile  
Even just for a little while  
But you're drifting somewhere far  
away

And I'm still here, wishing you  
could stay

We spent our summer side by side  
But missed the moments we could  
keep  
Ice cream melting in the heat  
While we picked apart our lives too  
deep

Talking 'bout where we went  
when  
Says we were older than our years  
Let the shoreline slip away  
While we drowned in smaller fears

We didn't know when to back  
down  
So everything turned into a fight  
We could've stayed until sundown

Held onto the fading light

I wish I could make you smile  
Even just for a little while  
But you're drifting somewhere far  
away  
And I'm still here, wishing you  
could stay

If I could play pretend with you  
I'd be anyone you need  
Just to lift the weight you carry  
Just to watch your chest breathe  
easy  
But I could feel you slipping out  
Like something neither of us could  
hold

I wish I wasn't always making  
you cry  
Some nights I hope you don't give  
up  
But I can't be your whole  
universe  
And we can't be each other's only  
sun  
I'm not saying you're not  
everything  
Just saying you're not the only

thing there

I hope we act like we fell in love  
In a bookstore we can't forget  
Like our smiles fit us better than  
Like they haven't faded yet

If you want me to say it clearer  
I won't forget those late-night  
walks  
But now you've got me paralyzed  
And I can't outrun the thought

I hope you're holding onto  
something good  
From everything we used to be

## The Wolf

If only I had a way to say to you  
All of the things that I never let  
go  
I would

If only I had a way to move the  
stars  
To every place you said you'd go

I would

If only I was strong enough to see  
All of the people we could be  
I would

Repeatedly, I fall back down  
Undercover, safe from her

Repeatedly, the rain hits the roof  
Undercover, floods the floor

Who let the wolf in  
While the kids were out playing?  
Who let the windows feel their  
hands  
While the glass recoiled from the  
cold?

I did  
I did

Who let the makeup scar the image  
While the lights were still on?  
Who let the city cage us in  
While we ran from flashing sirens?

I did  
I did

Repeatedly, I fall apart  
Undercover, I dissolve

Repeatedly, I bite my tongue  
Just to feel in control

Who let the wolf in  
While the kids were out playing?  
Who let the windows feel their  
hands  
While the glass recoiled from the  
cold?

I did  
I did

And I've never been safe  
From walls or trampolines  
I've never landed once  
From any of my falls

I admit I was wrong  
There's no fixing the broken  
Pieces missing somewhere  
Never touching the ground

Who did I think I could be?

Who let you down  
While pretending I could save it?  
Who let the world crawl in  
While I tried to keep it caged?

I did  
I did

Undercover, I blow it  
Over and over again  
If I knew what I had  
I still wouldn't know it





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