

Hourglass Rivers



Morning Star Protocol

*first contact scenario
close encounters of the third kind
well how many
kinds are there anyway*

*a peaceful delegation
or an alien invasion*

*because alien we are
under threat of war*

*your burning desires
my best intentions
a clash
of unspeakable dimensions*

*this is not a game
we are
one misinterpretation
away
from mutual annihilation*

*you better tread lightly
I know I will*



Embedded

*thought foreign body
in glass
filled to the brim
I am falling
hard
like rain on pavement
every drop
a crash
sending ripples
through skin
leaving all intact
but the internals
quiet on the surface
bones jellified
organs blended
vaporized desires
internally condensing
onto crystallizing salt
trickling love*



Among Clouds

*flying high
swooping fast
climbing
pulling gravity*

*seeking
lost among the clouds
(frantic)
you among the clouds
where exactly*

*approximately close
relatively distant
far beyond earshot
and visual*

*no wings
just me
no dreams
just you
all the way
everywhere*

*are you moving
looking
knowing if you stopped
you'd fall
and that
would be the end of us*

*I am keeping my momentum
incessantly in motion
feeling if I stopped
I'd drop
like stone
the impact, our extinction*



A Match Made In Heaven

*milky way spilt
I am
in (the) endless cup
of (your) black coffee sky*



Cumbersome

*poor choices
clumsy words
drowsy metaphors
aligning stanzas*

*lines come together
jagged
disconnected
intentions missing
narrowly
embracing bitter smiles
and toxic friendships
muse is left frustrated
yet she loves me*



Follow the White Rabbit

*frames rest in still caress
lips flow before smiling gaze
on the other side
their eyes out of sight
I'm left incomplete
unfinished painting dripping vivid hues
I need to fill the white spaces*



Threshold

*Emotion in my thoughts
Like alcohol in blood
I'm drunk but are you sober
We're high and falling over
one another
like rain or waves in thunder
like haze that's spilling under
heat on summers day
my fantasies go wild but
your body craving mine
so physically real
I can't process the lengths
Of this obsession
Trespassing boundaries
Of passion*



Vapour Thoughts Condensing

*my head
a black and gold Olympia
your words are fingertips
delicately typing thoughts*

*my hands spill ink invisible
laying poems on your hips
charging clouds with static
and it rains*



Unprepared

*I gave you love divine
that only words can offer*

*Such insanity
not given to another
I gave and bled divide
fingertips caressing
inexorably stressing
thought and nerve
and flesh and bone
and glowing glass
sand grains passing
the event horizon
of reason*

*hissing in reflected light
we are nights we harness
charred black delight
I revoke possession
that obsession never might*

*Help me
Undo its cruelty*



Dream Up

*rivers cannot swim
they drown invisibly
in thirsty clouds
the wind can only
put his whispered songs
around her
and they both
move on
unwed
and I can only
put my words
around you
dream up
a riverbed*



Burns Miss Rivers

*Glass rivers burn
still in the sun
restless in the moonlight*

*sands whirl and fall
like rain feeding ozone
rejuvenating smiles*

*I dive in
shreds swim
sliding through the surface*

*glass and sands and time
a magnifying lens
choosing fire*

*hair strands are wires
and strings eluding sanity
for blood vessel melody*

*ruby is reflected
not embraced
drifting infinitely smooth*

*I am not myself
bathing into shards
of you*



Red Alert

*tear me off your thoughts
like infected tissue
and fucking run and burn the bridges
cuz I'm returning every time
until your precious heart is mine
and I'm the contagious disease
that needs you now to breathe*



Heart Away

*now every single day
there's a seven hour difference
between my thoughts
and my heart kicking in*

*because it's where I've never been
across the ocean to a land
I've never set foot on
nor have I ever seen*



Tell Apart

*and if you were a drop
I'd tell you from the rain
and chase you till my heart stops
cradle you into my smile
again*



Opposites Embrace

*only hell knows
what it's like
beating with my heart*

*every shard of glass
is infinitely beautiful
bathing clad in scarlet
warmth*

*tears run vermillion
of joy and of agony
kisses sweet with ash*

*you are mine and I am yours
right this very moment
a triumph over torment*

in epiphany enclosed



The Fall

glass cuts you
 only if you break it
 a man can take a few cuts
 and the scars speak out your name
 into eternity
 echoing deliverance

out of control
 we fall
 spiraling
 like leaves in autumn
 you are jade
 and I am gold
 I fall for you
 don't fall with me
 you fall for me
 we fall like leaves
 in autumn
 but it's your summer
 that my autumn falls for
 falling
 hard
 down
 low
 burning in the sun
 like the wings of Icarus
 incinerating love sublime
 echoing deliverance
 forgive me
 for I couldn't save you
 like you saved me



Learn

*she wants the world to know
she wants to show
she wants to know the world
personified
she wants that world to want
to know her
she kissed his mind
with lips of words
she wants the world
to know her*



Nighttime

*I went to bed somewhere
between your eyelids*

*sometime
in the fading bloom of darkness*

*gray going brighter
black growing weaker*

*rosebud growing
'midst the ribcage*

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*my heavy head,
an old typewriter*

*that every letter
knows your fingertips*



Because I Am Made Of Controversies

*my lungs are ash and nicotine
my breaths are reveries
my veins are lust and tar
my impulses are dreams
condensed
my plans and deeds are scars
my thoughts are a stretch reaching for beauty infinite
the rotting and the blooming
the apple and the worm
pick one and suffer both*



Acclaim

*her colors smell like wet summer nights
eternally unbound mysterious
the muse is smiling
for she has found an avatar in you*



The Reveal

*as we talk
around in circles
words they fall
like clothes
undressing silence*



Into The River

raven eyes
 digging into flesh
 like nails
 splashing thoughts
 of tar black rivers
 on my chest

spill those dark cascades
 for me
 your black waterfalls
 on me
 drown the swimmer therein
 flow with heavy breathing
 whispering
 my name
 kiss my arms of thoughts
 into insanity

baptize
 my
 gleaming eyes
 into your streams
 of passion
 rapids
 shallows
 and the deep
 follow me
 into immersion
 resurfacing as one



Poisoned Remedy

*i am toxic
my every word
caressing you is caustic
and one day I could
save the world
but I
couldn't save you
from myself*



Bird Songs And Wind Chimes

*your voice
is ringing
in my head
like bells
and my heart yells
for more*

*don't you know
you are
my secret little light
into the night
the firefly
that guides my thoughts
to bed
in amber clad
of golden dreams
the rose of evening
sings
her sweetest lullaby*



Ethereal

*I fell for this appeal
a body not of flesh;
(incorporeal)
a silhouette of thoughts
unspeakable colors
pulsing in my mind
contours shivering
with vague uncertainty
slight translucency
like smoke*

*stay this way
blaze a trace
within my memory
a burn, a scar
smile-shaped*

*do not solidify
into a mold of flesh
just play the strings
of thoughts inside my head
and in return
I'll play with yours
like you're my violin*



Tinted

*my latest dreams
are made of glass
and thorns and petals*

*and if they fall apart
into a pile of sand
my fire will reshape them*

*if you're my hourglass
then tell me
how long do I have*



Firefly

*we all fall
down
hard
out
of grace
we fall in line
we fall
asleep
we fall for tricks
and most of all
with your lines
we fall
in love*



The Avatar

*her words are
 hands;
 palms
 fingers,
 smooth
 soft
 warm;
 eyes,
 deep
 black
 cinder
 end-of-tunnel
 specks of light
 peek and linger;
 lips,
 lava
 waves
 craving
 ginger
 glazed
 touch
 secrets
 whispered*

*her words
 are birds
 uncaged
 that I
 love feeding*



The Light Given

*flying now erratic circles
 I'm the moth who didn't flee
 glutinous tongue of careless wind
 caught me in a single lick
 pulling inexorably into the opening
 through the lid ajar I went
 above the window sill and straight into the eyes
 of a room clad in light*

*it's turning warm to hot as I orbit closer
 and closer still to the ceiling deity
 I came in from the wide open void
 I came in from the purposeless
 the great free emptiness
 where skies were grey and cold
 I came in to embrace the bright frail sun transparently imbued
 with the gift of gods*

*I pledge my wings to you
 though charred into disfigured trails like brush strokes on some
 impressionist painting*

*No longer are you transparent
 no longer am I winged
 and for a split-second in suspended animation
 it was worth it ten times over*



Lit Up

*in my head
there's a place
the prison of freedom
matchbox-sized
the box is down to two*

*I light you up
from head to toe
I turn you so
it crawls
in slow burn*

*The other one is me
catching flame
in the same
fiery embrace*

Our ashes become one



Entwined

*between your lines
feline eyes in ambush
fantasies are biting lips
till deeper scarlet*

*they call for their catalyst
glancing hopeful
through the window blinders
weaved of words*

*moth to flame
fuel to the fire
my thoughts now dance
with yours*

*hues entwined ablaze
catalyst embracing spark
dancefloor is a pyre*

*your skin all eyes
blind until the gaze
of open palms,
of mine*



Delicate

*I never knew, I never knew
the lips of glass
could be so cruel*

*I guess we are a match
but only fit because
we are
both broken
in the right places
jagged textured spaces*

*should the rose of glass
be broken
cannot tell what's deeper
is it the cracks
or
is it the cuts*



Sheltered

*It's me turning in your sleep
mere thoughts away
crawling slowly
from the shallows to the deep
the smooth is now to ripples
and the ripples turn to waves
goosebumps ringing
tunes inside my head*

*yes I'm falling,
though
not
asleep*



Disaster

*my eyes speak out a narrow street
notorious for fatal accidents
scorching everyone involved
leaving impertinent witnesses
hence silent gaze shies away*

*exposure, self-denied
to keep from harm
avoid collateral*

*and not just eyes but words
they slip they cost they hurt
the best the most
bitten tongue cannot dissolve
the bitten lip cannot contain
boiling recklessness*

*come close meet walls
cruelly transparent
self-defused bomb
a self-contained woe
window shopping
a blink away from shattered showcase*



The Slide

Heart is singing loud so loud I can't hear other sounds but the
 rushing bloodstreams
 Head is yelling uncontrollably
 "oh my god the brakes are severed; Reason's gonna die in a horrendous
 high-speed crash"
 they're pulling Common Sense out of the wreckage mangled on the seat
 beside the driver
 something happens to the flow of time and there's a comatose thought
 still left alive
 voices fading in calling names some crying some sifting words through
 teeth
 you look what you did you killer, liar, thief, deceiver, cheater,
 coward, selfish hypocrite
 Guilt will lead the trial but the tried is firm with silence
 See you, Heart, don't forget to write and conjugal visits, after all
 I'll do Your time



She is (from) Another World

*I'm a 2 AM sleepless not dreamless moon-walking shape-shifting entity
flexing joy-wrinkles at stars beauty marks of the universe curving
conversations into entropy thought-tangling with the wonder girl of
poetry*

*no rush blood-rush paintbrush ecstasy palette now crushing irises till
the death of meaning
remaining unsung wind sobbing shivering unstrung*

*crazy smiles are pouring out winding through the crowded tram car
because incorporeal cup of coffee is splashing slo-mo candle fuses in
my head that turn my starter key and vrrrooom maximum torque of senses
rpm is high already and my day blasts off with screeching tires with
heart that's firing on all cylinders*



Stealthy Moods

*I no longer
wear hats
or drink from cups*

*the eyes of cats
are searchlights;
and curiosity
is killing Us*



Spiral Fuse

*slowly going crazy
twisted and burnt
two different faces
one charcoal soul*

*sizzling and blazing
crackling in the mud
I've been tainting lately
all I touch and learn*

*falling out of grace
beyond forgiveness
I return
into the ashes of my days
my heart is now the urn*

*my deepest smiles are cuts
into the flesh of joy
I need to learn the art of healing
before it's all destroyed*



Sides

every grain of sand
is secretly
a polyhedron
that despises science
like every grain of joy
has at least one side
that hurts

I am flat and shallow
two-dimensional
my textures crushed
to mirror-smooth

and if your grain
of happiness
has one side left
I'd still
want that part
even if it is
the only side that hurts



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*x is for
the spot
buried treasure
experiment
experience
exhumed
exalted
ember
breathing rivers
black with ash*

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