# CAPRICIOUS

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My poetic Side 🧣

# Dedication

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## Awake

My grandparents never bounced me on their left knee But my knee bounces like it's supposed to that way I remember the movies and special effects Of delusion, confusion all in one set But they didn't show the migraine that comes before What's next?

I'm never ill but I feel sick Gripping my side's so I don't lose it Breathing rabid, heart attack Trying to control Won't. Let. It. Out

I can't sleep but I'm still dreaming Screaming everytime I see it For this isn't a nightmare but the best dream I've had Of pearly whites that sicken myself

Only a touch and I'll be ok But a touch is illegal and I'm not ok Do you think they'd have my picture smiling? Held up by pathetic tacks and notes on how I wanted to kill myself

Oh they'll search and search but I've been lost for years Following flowers and every. Single. Move I know everything I'm a degree in florists I could tell you their entire routine And darling you're the prettiest rose I've ever seen

No. No. No. No. I don't know what to do with oh so much Sat. Quaking. Quakung. Quaking. Waiting.

## The Encase Wrap

Rough polyester tugging hard skin Wrapped round me oh so thin With 46 bolsters and Jack on my side Barely breathing but that's alright

I think there's a draft my window won't shut right I can hear cars immigrating through the night There's a hurricane through the silk And my usual mug of half skimmed milk

Clothes scattered in a art like format The random top acts as my makeshift doormat And there in the middle lies my old bed And there on Jack lies my sleepy head

Stolen blue to keep my safe but while he's gone I'll elope instead With toes tucked in to keep warm And two rough cloths wrapped though torn

Long ago I'd be up til morning Wide awake staring at lies worth mourning Howling drums play into my ears Go to sleep now my dear, my dear.

## The embezzled halo

I had a strange dream last night I was a small boat rocking through the night I had a green stripe on my left side And my body was coated bright white I picked up sailors, not one but three With their stripe pinned caps and badges shining proud They laughed they laughed and we all had such fun The sky was blue and it seemed alright Just my boat sailing through the night

On the port of st Albert an angel appeared With lips like a rare ruby and hair like sunshine beams She stood there blissfully waiting for her husband's boat But only mine docked the ports of st Albert We slipped we slipped To make her not think And she slipped she slipped Onto my boards and dance and dance With not one sailor but two Who now wore nothing but no dignity and no shame And danced with the angel with the sunshine beams.

Six days we were here Going no where Our angel now broken Blood everywhere She had stood up again and realised what we'd done So slipped so slipped into thin thin water No body called for my dear angel My sailors couldn't care less

On the docks of Edinburgh sat a smaller cherub

of some sort The sailors smiled and took her abroad Take care of my angel take of her wings I've lost so many angels to sins, to sins My boat carried on rocking until the angels ran out The sailors pinstripes aren't black and white But a skyline pink For no body knew where my angels had gone Away. Away. Away.

# floccinaucinihilipilification

insubstantial,

Never ending tunnel So cold, So cold, so cold It's dark inside could we turn on a light? The bastard took my torch along with my life Now there's this sickening that grows inside me Makes me purge and forget what my purpose is For all I feel is the cold bitter air Ciculing my abdomen with sweet sweet death

#### Woebegone,

Tears can't come because I'm too angry They're red! They're red! Oh fuck she's done it again! How many times must I hear it again? I know it's true you don't have to shout it! I'm tired I'm tired of feeling so tired Too tired cut or cry anymore Lie down safely and forget my melancholy

sequestered, They're gone. They've left me No one really actually cared So I'm lay here writing poetry pretending not to care Oh what bitterness has overcome me now Oh dear, oh dear I've done it this time Left in this darkness hurt once again.

desensitized, Theres a light at the end of this tunnel So cold, So cold, so cold It's too bright could we turn off the light? The bastard took my torch along with my life Now there's nothing left to break off me I don't know who I am again

For all I feel is the cold bitter air

Ciculing my abdomen with sweet sweet release

## The bright side

I imagine walking down a path of cobblestone Asking questions but this time I am not alone Jump on to this flowerbed Butterflies swirling over my head Is that how it feels to be alright? God I hope it lasts through the night

I never felt this feeling before It's not love but it's not a law See how soft your hands seem to be You said you might come back not leave

Oh darling how it feels to me Safe and secure in my body Brilliant sunshine on your face Smooth pale skin dipped in lace

Happily walking along this path Our own pace, our own laugh No longer wonder will I have to chase Walking walking, to our own pace.

## Butterfly

Little cucoon wrapped up tight Breaks it's skin's and soon takes flight Pretty pretty butterfly wings so blue Floats up to the pale pale moon It's wings are coated in pretty patterns Brightened up by my midnight lantern With swirls and twirls and small pink spots So many colours... lots and lots

We walk down this lightened path Butterfly watches from the heath I don't think it meant it, but it distracted you I continue to scream, who? Who? Pretty butterfly dances so sweet Me and you? We weep, we weep. I don't think I weep the way you do I don't think I love me too

You wander off the path to the right Lost, as is the night's dim light I search and search, you're no where to be found Butterfly butterfly softly lands On my hand and rests there There's rotten leaves in my hair

So swiftly, so swiftly I squish you in hand Rub and hurt you til you go flat Pretty butterfly breaths one last breath As it falls from my grasp and balcony To cold cold concrete

## Overdose

Drowning my sorrows in music And out of date prescription pills When I breathe in I feel my ribs Collapsing under tight tight skin And I can still taste the vitamin in my throat Is it too early to take another one?

I don't need breakfast I'm eating my own body weight When I breathe all I feel is pain I have a headache coming on I see him on the sidepath again Symptoms of an overdose

Take another one, it a not quick enough I feel confused I'm not sure why Are my thighs smaller yet? I took the bottle just in case The more the take, the quicker I'll break All the fat inside of me Be pretty, be pretty.

My hand is shivering but I'm not cold Breathing rabid but I'm not running I'm going to sleep yet I'm not tired And I'm dying, I'm dying, im fine.

## Méigu?

Méigu?, Méigu?, oh why do you weep Don't you know spiders die in their sleep? They hang upside with smiles on their faces Where they've been beaten back in their places With elastic bands spinning on their wrists Tight, tight pain curled up in fists

Méigu?, Méigu?, the suns shining bright New day, new life, all will be light You don't have to fear the monster under your bed Not even the monster hiding in her head For you'll be ok, everything's alright She's slipped away, slipped away, into the night

Méigu?, Méigu?, I'll protect you it's fine For I am the innocent one, free of all crime Wrap each delicate wing around your body It's ok, It's ok, you're just a bit groggy No more will you live in dread The spider, the spider, she's already dead.

## The sequester

Sit cross legged on cold cold floor Back pressed tight against the door I check a response every 5 minutes Question life and my lack of limits Wouldn't it be best if I let you go? So you wouldn't be affected while I'm at my low.

I'm sure there are other people out there like you I'm sure I could certainly fine someone new But what's the point when we'll both get hurt Ripping off petals, throw them in the dirt I feel like I'm blind, I cannot see I can't seem the find the purer me

And now I wait until I find someone else Someone to save, someone to help And to you reading this now I'm sorry, I mean it. I didn't know how To stop, how to control myself Help. Help. Help. Help.

## Morgue number 7285

The room is dark kinda musty Stereotypically dead ironically I don't know who lies where just the contents I desire I pick a number based off fascination Peer at toes where bells lie hanging But you won't hear them clinging no more No heart beats, no blood streams

Pale and clammy with eyes rest shut You're about 17 dead and gleaming With pretty curls on your pretty face Eyes were sky and smile white I can see your bones breaking under skin Collarbones sharp, I run my finger near I sit there and peer and peer

I was waiting but you never came I never even knew your name Take my scalpel, take my hand Waited for you, you never came Do you know how Important this was? You were supposed to rescue me

I dreamt about you every night Your soft fingers saving my own And now you lie there Dead as a skinless dodo Watching me run my bloody course And plunge the mental into my artery

Morgue number 5233

# Annihilation

This time it's dark and there's no rain Just his favourite song ringing in my brain Do you think he'll be mad when he finds out? That finally, finally I managed to kill myself. I would be disappointed in me too Like every fucker else that's shaken my hand All I wanted to do was be selfish I'm tired of never having or being enough I'm tired of waking up everyday Is it mean to just want to die? Instead of every single night crying for a release? For I can't escape the thing inside of me

My happy rose pill is gone and left me It's dark not because it's night But rays of sunshine fell fell fell Let I still hear those butterflies going about Wings fluttering, irritating me now And I can't stand it and I don't know how it To move on and obsess with someone else All I wanted to absolute dedication Buts it a rude request when their ribs are breaking Under my thumbs I press harder I didn't mean to, but I beat louder Louder than any other in my position

Oh God to hold you now would be so perfect Connecting as one.. but would it be worth it? Tears streaming down your beautiful face I because I couldn't take off and abuse someone new I swear it was never that way I just wanted to make you happy, make life ok But I'm self detonating as we speak Hopefully I only have minutes to breath I've tried so many times and failed so quickly New year, new me, new lies, new blessing. Lie here swollen pretty red ink Tears streaming but it's not what you think

I'm a mess a mess and it's all my fault I drifted too far and look what it got Now I'm alone No one else to hurt Yes. He'll be devastated but it not long it will hurt For you can't weep over someone as evil as me Who turns words to punches the moment they speak Trying to read inbetween lines But my heads a muddle and nothing is fine If i wake in the morning it'll be a shame To have to life on and pretend it's ok Because all I wish to do is suffer then die It's less painful then staying alive

To watch someone you love Walk off and move All because you couldn't compute Oh dear I'm sorry I couldn't save you Now I must save me in the way I chose to To fall asleep sad but wake up again happy Pretty pretty ink falling so quickly And stare at the ceiling until the light dims out Remember when you loved me once Remembering when I was your one To slip, slip away into the night. Stolen by an angels kiss at morning light

## The cup

Sitting there with your curves to make me blush Upside down but that's more than enough If you could I'm sure you'd smile and wave Pearly white flattering because you're my best friend

With your pretty patterns everywhere How do you do it? Look so pretty and fair Delicate flowers bestowed upon you Precious vines and silk leaves too

And you make me so freaking happy Jesus Christ You're wondrous you know that? No, don't tell me twice, I know you love That I'm here smiling at a cup...

The cups talking, the cups breathing The cups longing longing longing to be free For some reason, the cup tells me.... It wants to be me

## Charlotte

Your message has touched me in ways I can't explain Could we dissociate together if you find the time of day? I can see our blood streams merging as one A thousand miles away you're somewhere under the sun

You can turn the key and lock the door But in the end what is it all for? For no one else can get inside my brain I dislocated from everything even myself sometimes I don't know your definition of normal Maybe you could explain?

You're wondering what is the point to all this hurting .. what is it all for ? Maybe we could hunt together Get lost in brainwaves and icky bicky tales For I've never met someone like me Who understands the things I've seen

Oh Charlotte dear you have to smile Smile at the distorted realities for at least a little while For the only positive of locking yourself out Is getting to relive life's beautiful sounds As if you've never seen them before in your life

## Hand me down

Itchy and scratchy with threads coming loose Burgundy sunset woven into the sleeve It once was your mother's and now it is his To do whatever he pleases it seems

He doesn't want to wear it anymore It looks ugly on him Clashes with his personality and fair fair skin So he tries to sell it off in an auction of barn

But no one want's the hand me down It's too fragile and broken So he leaves it on the street Where old sweaters should be

Tied up on the lamppost for everyone to see It's broken label And it's poor old sowing Come undone in the rain and break even more so

Why have I become I sweater? Does no body love cotton and polyester? I was brought to life with care and love Except now no body cares what I was made from.

## **Brother**

I remember how it feels.

To have your have your joints go numb Bitter tenderness hits to the bone Harder than any punch you throw I hold on sometimes to relive that feeling Of sharp object piercing my shoulder And the crying the crying The screaming, the snarling Why were we always alone together? Did no one think to protect me from her?

You blame the stress I blame your mother Spiteful hatred passed down to another Hating me for falling in love But what I remember was year from not above Deny it all the time but I remember clearly You don't forget not being loved dearly So everytime I'm underwater, swallowing sticky sticky pills or suffocating my lungs I remember the time you wish I were someone So everytime I fail to bring him back I'm a disappointment to you and everyone else

End of summer your post is up and everyone crying for your hard loss But would you remember me at the beginning? When flower start blooming and things start improving Probably not because you wanted him Favouritism strike where stone is placed clearly And the hatred, I feel for something never living Dear brother I'm selfish but still breathing If I could exchange my life for yours? Id take it to satisfy that fucking whore God you're so lucky to be free from her Your genetics run no further than narcissism and curls I bet you'd have her eyes aswell The ones that pierce into your ugly ugly heart When I cut, I cut all traces of her In hope DNA could drip drip drip on the floor But no amount of pills will make me thinner End up eating take out for dinner

Remember the time I flew down the stairs? Remember the hands that pushed me somewhere She didn't mean not entirely Took too far more than likely And every single time she'd fuck me about Tell me I'm wrong She's a victim like me she shouts But she's never been told she wishes i were dead And you didn't deserve to die I did instead

So brother, brother I've taken my leave She's all yours for the taking to go ahead and keep I don't want a mother like that Who ties pretty bows round my broken neck Now you will see, now you will see Why I wish I were the dead one And could not breath

# ??nyat?

I've been mollycoddled in darkness for 48 hours To sit in sun is to sit like the hare in car lights Every muscle I can feel, Stiffen under public view And to not fully remember the walk I took Was it woven in my DNA? To hurt and bleed the narcissi? Must be just because I'm the freak To zone out from the view sliding by me What if he doesn't even want to look at me? All this effort for disappointment and glances I didn't see a point in getting up this morning Pretending I'm normal but there's mist all around me I'm confused to how to I've got here Did I say that already? Oh dear sorry. If you touch me I might scream Fall into corners and protect my face from danger I'm sorry I failed you once again War songs blasting in my head If I had done it already I would have been dead Found me wrapped up, the fog has disappeared Just me and myself on cloud 12 again I always seem to disappoint, So quickly and so swiftly I'm not even trying anymore! I guess it just comes naturally to me If I can't have you is it ok if I steal a petal? I promise to look after it Forever and ever Oh look 10 minutes passed by I hadn't noticed I'm as dead to the world as God is to the atheist

## Seconds before dawn

Imagine pink soft skin touching, Wet with love and hormones. Gasp of air leaving... My only focus is you and your hands--

I feel my pulse beating fast I want to know how long you'll last Pruny fingers want to grab your thumbs I feel your heart below beating like a drum

Clinging on for dear life, Please never let me go. But oh so soft and warm... Mine follow suite, seeing you--

I can't see, my eyes are shut And I think yours are too, For I can feel eyelashes grazing my own. But oh not everything on you is soft my dear--

Gripping me between the sheets I scream and gasp in my dreams Fingers touching, you've let me in No one will get it.. this desirable sin

Your hips are pressing into me. Warm, so warm you are. My leg is trapped inbetween... But everything is a dream

Lying peacefully, you've gone to sleep Skin touching, giant leap Distorted view stay with the night Lying alone watching mornings first light

I wait longingly for this day to come. Stay within my thoughts. One day you'll come back to me. One day you'll see.

## **Silent words**

There are no words with poetry Only pure pure thought Raw emotions take me over And tear up pages with metaphors But I feel nothing Not even hollow Nor a rock through my veins Just lying here questioning why Why I bother at all I'm sure you'd miss me if I go But no misses me while I breathe I think it'd hurt for a little while I don't know nothing at all Live my days with hope and desire End with tears and sad laughter Ripping up every card you wrote With kisses and love... Our happily ever after I could die right here right now, No one would notice til morning When they'd come to drag me away To responsibilities and lives I look after Is there a point to all of this? In hope of something good? I can't wait much longer If the good I need is dead to me

## I turned my Robot on

Plastic smiles happy laughs If I fail I'm sure I'll die Natural instinct to survive Broken arms but happy lies I have proved I can treat you right As long as everyone is happy I'm fine If you pay me extra I'll switch my brain off for a while. I might have a few screws undone But I can tell what must be done When I run dry I'll charge myself back up I'm my own provider, I made myself dear Plug me in til I'm full power In hope I'll run even longer Until my batteries fry themselves dead I'm too much for myself to handle Not really into rope cliche Take a drug and smile again Switch myself off at the plug I'm not on standby I've turned myself off

## Sleep

Open wide and I can see But there's dark over me I'm blinded by the lack of light Scared, so scared of not much height I can't fall, my feet are touching But my knees are sh-aking Can't even see you from afar Just because its so dark I'm stilling wondering around My head is a small wonderland Waiting for you to grab me again For surely this isn't the end I'm sleep walking all the time Wishing I were awake, glad you weren't mine No purple marks fade my skin But an emotional blue skin Invisible scars line my body Every time you cut and hurt me So why won't I wake up from this nightmare? Block you again, it isn't fair I'm consumed to poppies and roses And little big baby noses Apparently I have no judgement For here I am in love with your softness You're covered in jaggered knifes Pricking my finger, making me want to end my life I'm not blaming Only descending Don't think I'll ever wake back up I've stuck myself in all this muck Until the day the miracle comes Collapse effortlessly, then I'm done.

## **Jo Middleton**

Small hands cupping the molds Don't make no difference, There's no sound Every index plugged right in Please, won't someone stop her screaming? Whilst everyone else forgets her name Do you know who the deaf girl is?

No one remembers. No one cares. She thought it was only her that had no hearing But everyone else has gone deaf now Her pain still radiates this town Turn as many blind eyes as you please She's still here, still trying to breathe Hearing aids clipped In

she can still hear herself speak So why isn't anyone else listening? Even when completely paralysed she feels tears Left alone, forgotten corner Round circles brightening her emotions Dead to the world but there's no funeral For the girl that's death bed is waiting calmly

Then from silence they hear a small weep A silent creature, Five foot three With bones so sharp she could harm herself Why didn't we notice all the scars? And finally, finally they finally hear her Do you know who the deaf girl is? Jo. My name is Jo.

They finally hear me scream. Beat me til there's silence again Would I have been best if I had not spoken? Risked my life in hope of being saved Should of just stayed silent Nearly could of moved away and leave Better to breathe than regret everything

## Bodhi

Hanging between monkey bars, Not sure if to drop If I do I'll fall straight down Unable to climb back up But I guess that's the consequence of suicide So I stay inbetween gripping tight Waiting for the day my fingers go numb And fall into the stygian

And can I stay can I go? I love you too much I hate myself And it's all your fault you made me do these things I decided to hurt you and you put me up it With your stupid smile And you were always declining me So you put the knife in my stupid hands But I was the one who decided to use it

I touch my own fingers and they feel numb I breathe in and feel each rib rubbing against skin Look in the mirror I see fat If you poke me I'll fall flat Grabbing each thigh with pure hatred If I were perfect why doesn't he love me? Stupid stupid you've done it again

There's still scars fading on each dainty wrist Still dried tears on each bony cheek And I'll sit here pretending I'm choosing to be alone But no looks me in the eye and smiles Like normal people do But I'm not normal am I
I can't distinguish what is real Which thoughts are normal Or those homicidal Is this love or obsession that I'm feeling? I feel empty. Barely breathing. What's the point if he won't want me I keep ripping off her butterfly wings

Atleast I imagine it in my dreams Roses torn to pieces crying, What more could I think of There's no use trying No amount of lithium could cure me I'm already dying I think it'd be best if I were gullible again I'd rather be dumb then full of self awareness

Atleast when blocked I can't hate myself I'd be living without a doubt But here I go again pretending to care I think I'm happier lying here Wrapped up darkness Alone with my thoughts Waiting in silence For the next thought fox to come along .

#### The gates are locked

If only my skin were as delicate as paper I'd put my arm through the paper shredder And if only my bones were as fragile as yours I'd snap each one, naming ofcourse.

Why was It me little brother? You were destined, Not me for sure Mollycoddled with love and need I was surprise, unwanted, deluded

My time was up sixteen years too late So I don't understand why I'm not at hells gate By some God I've survived each obstacle Dear Lucifer, I'm doing my best father

I don't understand why I haven't been summoned Each opportunity I've survived unwantingly What greater force is preventing my extraction? This prolonged happiness is a little tedious

I was due to take off but my flights been cancelled Engine sabotaged, lead by my example No stairway was offered to me A highway blown up in rubber and ash

Is this my punishment for all I've done? Each petal i plucked and wing I tore off? A life long sentence in isolation For crimes, for crimes that were not intended

The gates are locked, I'm stuck still living First of a new mistake I'd succumb to. Each breathe destined to be my last Became my rebirth

#### Sharpener

Found you lying on the floor Where I left you last week Took the finest screwdriver ever Thought I was being clever Turned your bolt and watched it raise and you came apart in my hand You were no longer a sharpener But my go-to Razer blade

You are thinner than any knife That I've ever witnessed They leave fat tunnels on my wrist Only a smidge of ink comes from them I wonder what beauty you hold And how many tears I'll blister To add to my war built trenches Along my aching disaster

So delicate and soft And I can barely see your mark But I tiptoed it gently along my arm Already I can see scars You leave no trace but a thin long bruise That's easier to hide You're already perfect for me I wonder if I press hard..

This time there's a burn But I'm dripping down my shaft You complete my utter desires Of watching my sins drip down I've never seen so many cat scrams Travelling down my body You and I were made for eachother Perfect, to fuck up in the dark.

## My personal deja vu

This must be what third degree burns feel like Stinging every skin tag I've created With strawberry sauce dripping down Not enough to melt out but to require help And I sit here staring at each mistake Both arms, both thighs there's no more space And each cut dependant on size Is a mistake or curse I've commited in life

I swear somewhere I've been here before Each day a new square I seek to destroy By next Sunday I'll have no space left By next Monday I hope to be dead With a porcelain smile on my dolls face Each battered limb flung is disgrace No more you could do to save me I've been planning this for months

We both now know this'll happen again I've done it for years She's my new best friend Whatever good I seek to destroy Four years I've screamed wolf Covered in fur Would it be bad of me to succeed this time? Previously you've held me back, hair of hope But no all I see is darkness. Dark. Dark. Dark

Don't scream at me you're hurting my ears I'm no longer dependant I cut my own vegetables I think if I were one I'd be a cauliflower Tasteless and bare Come to me now and we'll be happy Lying somewhere in clouds and laughing And maybe, maybe, you can cut- my hair

#### Borderline

Inhibited and castaway And all you said is bye All the blackmail i will tell My thoughts and my lies If you won't go I've succeeded Who cares if you're exhausted You cannot leave me now, My brain is distorted With fear clouding all judgement

Oh beloved sunshine and roses I hate you more than Jews hate Hitler You're so perfect in every way As pure as a virgin Though you've fucked me both ways You make me whole by saying hello Break me apart why do you hate me so I promise I'll never let you go

A capricious mind Fucked than any other Tie a shoelace round my neck I'm starting to like my shoulders What personality is one so unsafe? I'm starting to hate my shoulders again What purpose do i have No reasons to live I don't know who I am

Now I'm uninhibited what is this brain? All this anger on each leg Just to take the pain away And each sweet pill will make me better I won't look in each direction I'm hoping it to end in disaster Don't care if I'll be in danger A day closer to death Is my life saver

Compunction and pity hit each day Each sin has a name A scar on my leg How many pills can I take in one day? My record is twenty Breathing heavily I'm getting inventive with each day How long would it take To take out my head

Your atomsphere makes me happy You've gone and left me Bleed out quietly All this stress all this changing It's killing me crying Whilst laughing so happy Do you see why I'm so dependant? I need your constant rays of warmness Maybe then I'll stop swinging this rope

vacantness, my shells for rent You can inhabit my body Nobody's there I don't get get why I go swinging To feel inhuman Just a vessel to some sort of demon No words describe how lonely Not even darkness Just full blown barrenness

- How dare you fucking do this to me I can't stop screaming Desolation in my soul I'll smash every window if it Takes away the pain Curse you all while I scream for help And all of those bruises Because you test me
- Unreasonably lighting fires with sticks
- troglodytic it sounds
- No words are spoken
- Sat here alone, no one even listening
- Foggy outcast in the horizon
- I'm confused to how this started
- None of you get me
- Am I really not human?
- I'm still blind, can't see through mist
- A sensory overload
- I'm Borderline deranged.

## **Coma Babies**

feel so cold and shaky. An overdose on life. So now i will turn rational off And sink beneath the bubbles.

Don't grip onto any side, They'll pull you up and make you cry. It is best that I lie. I'll disappear for five.

Find me in the afterlife. I'll be somewhere on a peach hill. No longer needing to hum to breathe, Where I am there is no need.

Sit here awaiting for your arrival Then we'll be happy together. You can't die in heaven, Suicide wouldn't be a problem.

I'll slip into this coma, Live in this world Until we're older. You could watch me swing.

Porcelain face, cracked mistake. Hanging off a popped out jaw line. Each lady bug spot I count Will bow down in disgrace to me.

# Winter in spring

I've reached my point of desolation Yearly timings my life has crestfallen Like each snowflake I see outside Everyone is in shock over the storm I provoked New baby flowers die in their sleep The only new thing is The long awaited Christmas Cabin fevered isolation Not that I had anywhere else to be And you wait for the storm to pass But it's more excuse to go drown myself Bury my face in the cold apology See how long I can go without air All the time you begged for this Your spring cleaning is a mess Wonder when summer will come Hide in the shadows The sun wants me dead I can't see any solution The forecast is confused Is it my star or mental state that causes this moon? What Greek god have I possessed? In order to make the country collapse Each snowflake to hit me is a bullet to the brain Wipe clean, wipe clean All the mistakes I've made

#### To Ana, my lover.

Waking up to stars on ceilings Purple bruises on grey skin Shaky hands and battered feet on Almonds in zipped up bags tight How many calories does it take to breathe? Nails cut down to bone Measuring happiness by the steps I take I'm drowning, there's that much water Eat your salad you fatty No thank You, I'm not hungry Desperate fingers clutching each rib Standing up and the world goes dark I ate 86, far too much Green tea is my best friend How many calories in toothpaste again? Black nail polish to cover the yellow My heart burns so heavy How many calories do you burn in a sneeze? Thighs as squishy as pillows I haven't ate for 15 hours Wrapped my hand round my wrist No one must see my mistakes Do I look thinner than yesterday? I cut myself on collarbones Can't look at myself it's too painful No thank you, I already ate Butterfly pelvis desperately trying to escape Oxygen tastes like cake Battered feet on and off the scales I only lost a stone I'm still too fat Back to the start again

# Dysmorphia

Butterflies don't hiss or growl Yet I hear it when she walks by Knows what she's doing When she flaps those wing So elegantly Charming, hypotising each boy I could be a butterfly too Already have the delicacy on each limb Painted cuts on each wing Smile as pretty she does I'll cut it on my face for you On tiptoes I'm just as tall And if I stand on my top floor I could fly out the window Fly as soft as your butterfly Crack my head on the pavement below Bleed pretty swirls in the pavement cracks

#### The moth

A pile of bones crouched in darkness Surrounded by moisture And dead piles of laughter No one can even remember her name She stares into the abyss She's got no one to miss

If you wanted to find her you'd follow the trail Of dead wingless butterflies And Razer blade tails On the horizon is looming shadows Waiting to rape her If she could get any downer.

Then out of no where comes a small freight Breathless moth soon taking flight Painted with rose petals It's brings a new rainbow Attracted to the girl With the hollow empty eye holes

For something inside It's seems something bright And like normal moths do It's attracted to light Perched on my shoulder Won't let me go

Promise you won't go and leave me tomorrow? Little flutter, a smile litters If you regrow your moth wings We'll fly away into sunrise Twirling eachother frantically

## The gardeners daydream

Little cuts, aches of blood Cover my hands with distasful trust dip in it cold cold water Scream when they catch fire It's nothing new But not what I'm used to Self punishment grins Loathing begins I can't touch if it hurts too much Picking your petals Rubbing the silk You're not mine So I'm not complied Scar the stems I prick myself Each sharp knife Sticking out your stalk Is a boundary I'm let to cross When I dream I think of our love Caressing your petals Digging up your roots Now I must cut my hands off To never touch another flower again I can't hurt you if I can't breathe Clog my lungs with pollen seeds Sweet sweet release Take me from the chains I scratch And rip my soul into paper cuts Amen

## Cut throat

I'm nobody's princess Have no one to hold me up You don't have to reply if you want I get that it may hurt To feel useless with nothing you can do All I wish to do is please you But yet still I'm on my own Unable to force your hand

I'm more blood than skin Every surface area is a sin I wish to wash away the pencil lines But I wouldn't know where to begin They've become a part of me Like a badly drawn tattoo I swear it'll be the last time Until I mess up again

I wish I could cut down to the bone Watch them collapse beneath me Name every fragment if you want All I wanted was too look pretty Yet no body notices Thinks I'm perfect as I were If I were that my thighs wouldn't be flat Fat sickening every curve For my third issue I address you brain What's going on up here? Maybe, Maybe he'd love me If I weren't so insecure I want to be normal Just to win him back You're connected to my nervous system

#### Paranoia kicking in

I know it's lovel feel for you Even though I'm obsessed Remember that peach green hill? We'll both be there one day You can finally loveme And refuse not to stay Take me in your loving arms Reassure me that I'll be ok

I don't need your pity There is non anyway Thank you for reminding me. Why i want to kill myself List 'em by the bucket And I'll add more scars They say you went too far Only the truth cane out after all

Finally my razor blade held up to my throat Ready to cut a smile in And hope that I choke Drop it into cold water The cycle repeats again Never never ending A loss of words and understanding

#### Your arcade

Coin machine in the corner A penny dangling and a quarter On the edge of a tipping point Ready to fall off with just one nudge Push and watch it fall Tears streaming as you celebrate Hit rock bottom Grabbed by grubby hands Finally pushed to the breaking point. It won't grow old with rust But melt in your pocket Until all it leaves is a scar A reminder of when I couldn't stay cool. You'll forget that coin in no time There are plenty of other ones If you don't that's not my fault You were the one to push me Off my tipping point

## **Metamorphosis**

Freshly scratched my way out of a cocoon See the stars in my eyes Happy, pretty dazzling smile Laugh as sweet as the edge of a knife Clamping down on your butterfly Wings ripped apart You can never have her now I no longer wake up screaming Go back to sleep, wish it wasn't a dream And I sit here on my ledge Looking down at snow wet cracks Waiting to give my wings a chance Fly little butterfly, If you can I'm still peach but have pretty swirls now Craved into gracefully Don't be scared love It is only temporary I'm going to be something extraordinary With my dreams whispering tight Black curls choking mine Lying still below the reach Transition complete I'm finally free

## **Famous poet**

Dazzling fires into boys Taken away by the Nazis Living away broken toys If you cry you're not a man Disillusionment overcoming me You and I can only dream Of being shot down Poetic words are nothing To a dead man's wife Describe in detail How the bullet hit his chest You can only imagine What a home war is like Take your drama to A battlefield Come back and tell me What a bayonet shock feels like

## Snowglobe

Round and shiny Polished to the cracks Cold smiling child Snowman by her side Horizontal scarf Bobble hat Poised statue Wet and plastic Shake it up baby Ignore her screaming Oh how pretty Fake snow falling Ten seconds of fun Back on the shelf Packed up again for the new year Forget I'm gone Disappear

## intempestus arachnid

Grains of sand slip down my shoulder Though my stomach and pelvic flow Hourglass figure cracked and broken From little pincers as short as my pinkie toe Catching tiny shards of glass Holding them as ransom To blame everyone And scratch your heart if I had to I'd spin my web around you Until your ribs finally collapse Priceless watch signalling the hour Counting down to day I become Breed and multiply my painted on chromosomes It doesn't matter to me anymore Rip those silk threads from the door The grandfather clock doesn't chime no more Chilly Draft covered any emotion I once might of had Left in the dead egg sack Full of rotting baby Dragons And held your hand refused to let go Now I've cut my own eight legs off So I can no longer scurry about Hope to God we can figure us out I'll surround myself in a bath full of bubbles Foaming my lung until no air Goes in or out Then the clock won't be broken no more Tick tock. Tick tock. Fuck off.

#### Exaptation

Grimy walls covered in memories.pretty splatters hide invisible thoughts.It's only me and my inversable boat.Made out of China, hidden by sandbags.

The Germans are coming, Coming to take me away. But I'm not fully Jewish Just different from them.

Led by an older version of me. Barking orders, tail wagging free, With her icicle eyes stabbing into me. Grabs my wrist and "pulls. Me. Free."

My bathtub becomes the burnt out spa. She kicked the lock in, Air shelter raided. The screaming will be never ending.

So now I sit, naked and exposed. All scars on show, Just like you wanted. Disgusting and purple.

People pay to see them. With candy floss and clown noses. I hang from the high ropes, Wide beaming child smile.

You'll be happier with your misery gone. Why buy a small mirror? It could of been priceless. She is worth no more than 25 cents.

Comes with a rifle and Vemon in my baby teeth. Sick of chive and disappointment. Take me in your loving arms.

Shower hose and tatty bunk beds. You can snap my already broken neck. Then mother push my head under, Under the bubbles and bomb shelter.

Forget it.

# The solution

Next time that you see me Pretend you are blind Maybe it would be easier To pretend you were never mine When you look in the mirror All you'll see are butterflies That you dream about I will will be no where to be seen Stuck in a permanent daydream Pretending I'm doing alright Deleting myself from your life

# Never smile again

Sometimes I like to watch the empty blank walls If you want you can paint your canvas on me Hoping the paint drips down Waiting for it to dry But promise you I'll never smile again

And it's hard for to me to breathe It's why I'm taking leave So I fly through the skies Would you like to watch me bleed? Could it help you to pretend You never once met me I swear, I'll never smile again

Hoping you could change your mind Dig your fingernails Unto my heart for some time If you asked me I would never fall apart But I am. Broken vase against fragile walls. And I'll never smile again

#### The house on the corner

No one remembered to post the mail. She never cared anyway. With her rusty picket fence And favourite colour door The for sale sign would eventually fall And sit there window ledge smiling Everyone walks past not noticing But maybe that's ok Doesn't seem to mind anyway With dust sweeper cushions And burnt out fireplace The drainage needs fixing But the old owner moved away Years last but no body calls Because the number 22 is on her door Hidden in the curtains are moths around the light Smashed up glass And fake happy smile Waiting for maybe the owner to come back But he's allergic to all of her weeds That tangle round and suffocate Spiderwebs decorate every four walls Hidden away under the basement Lies a corpse of a dead boy Oh meigi I told you not to run Who wants a run down house? There's a castle next door And when the rain pour it sweeps on the floor Crying anguish against the storm

# The promise

Never again will i call Or make you uncomfortable I will start to block those thoughts With paper cuts hidden in folds Promise to atleast try and leave Rest in peace charcoal heart To never warm up in a fire Forever swear I won't do it again Again I swear I didn't mean it But this time I truly do I promise to leave you this time Until the day I hope to die

# **Biography of an ornithologist**

How can it be possible I'd like you to pretend That we never had phone sex While I whispered words of love You stared at her Instagram filters So I brought a pack of six from the shop Stainless glass masterpieces Decorated with roses and thorns Cost me money and what for? To lean over a cliff and throw them Wasting life Screaming into my father's voice As the clouds rolled over Mother was already buried Six feet under she rolls in her grave I think a glass shard hit a pigeon Named him sunshine after you Because sometimes His eyes too look dark blue Blacker than any clothes I own Dressed up for my own funeral I jumped off the cliff after him Like how you jumped into my fist Oh how I cradled and cradled him Disappointment sticking out his vein I used the same thing that killed us To drive myself insane Lay holding a murdered crow Broken legs because I Can't kill myself properly I feel so incomplete Why won't anyone help me Illegally blind to the

bone in my left eye We, as dead birds flew away into the sunrise

#### Insomniac

I sleep on five pillows Have no one to share with Razor blade under the second Incase I need to escape this And somewhere within the quilt Are two pairs of headphones One I stole from the box The other with only one ear piece You can had find it's missing partner At the bottom of the mattress I'm not sure where mine is And throughout Scattered like lambs Are differemt desert rocks I suck on them when I get scared To distract me from my demons By my side is a reading list Made up of seven heavy novels Given for bed time reading I'll get the chance when i stop crying Three layers of blanket Won't keep me safe But for two hours I feel safe The rest I spend online Or questioning what life is Surrounded by a physical and metaphorical mess Of broken lip gloss and Friends I'll never get back Set my alarm although I'm Always awake to hear it Pretend to sleep it off I'll be ok, I promise

# **Omitted Sex toy**

Clean up after myself When you're finished It's not using if you're nothing Caressing gently If you're ok with it Wanting more than a few handfuls Of soft curls Rubbing skin I promised I couldn't give in Dreaming it's more than a few fingers that'll fit But your whole heart In my tiny black space in my chest Empty and void like the lies I made And I can't sanitize myself any longer Curse words uttered **Breathing heavily** Secret "lovers" but not laughter Promise to tell me if you want to stop I wanted the world empty With just you and me in it Exchanging kisses Under torn blankets As the stars whispered dirty things

#### **Bulwark**

How many eyes does a butterfly have? Watches us through thin slits She makes no move is she even surprised I Don't know if she cares or not But she saw us I made sure To dance around beautifully Fingerprints watching with wider eyes Claiming what should be mine Tight polyester covering skin Grabbing, not digging in But enough knowing you get a kick Knowing she's there watching him If she were interested I stab it with a knife Ripped up her dreams with a single touch Watches me tip toe on soft skin Enough to hint that's he's gone for good It's not a lie just leading astray Little sad wings weep in dismay I don't know whether she was actually intrigued But just incase destroyed her fate And carried on fluttering knowing what I had done Bye bye little butterfly, this time I've won

## Go and play little John Evans

Go and play little John Evans Father said carelessly Don't come to me when you fall But do whatever you please Little John Evans runs off Happy as a small son could be Swinging from the monkey bars Terrorizing the monkeys Refusing to go down the slide Out of pure paranoia Annoying every other child How does one play by itself Do what they've been told Without hurting others It made no sense to little John Evans Why the other children hated him Only doing what father said 17 years John Evans returns Bags under eyes, scars under arms Misery having sex in his gut Did you have fun Father asks unknowingly Yes father Says John Evans crying

## Koi fish

Swarming around with tails touching I'm no longer drowning Gills licked clean of all my tar Thought I was your single magpie Gripped my bruises Instead kissed them Wet with pond and eachothers salvia Play with my whiskers How you've changed You're still swimming I can't go through this Metamorphosis Flapping frantically to fly away How now we circle fish food Breathing heavily eyes a wide Desperate kisses with touching skin I thought I were nothing but black bird choking Darling, darling You're my koi fish

## **Forty-Four Minutes**

And the Liliacs stuttered in shame at her Soon the poppies took it away quickly You brought a coffee with spoiled milk And tipped it over her dead body Never again did the damn phone ring Dandelions plucked from their homes Torn apart by little hands Daffodils live and die in the spring And now her corpse lies rotting here Next to where my own lungs breath In my head she's choking me Blaming me for what I've done Posies come and say hello But never will she say my name again. Forty-Four minutes it took the ambulance By half-two they claimed her dead And the buttercups lowered their heads.