# confessions of a teenage girl: vol 1

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### Abuelo

Alma de ojos oscuros y brillantes hundidos en el terreno de tu cara Nariz afilada, pico de cuervo. Me cuesta escribir-tengo la cabeza hueca-pero cuando se trata de ti mi mano se mueve sola. Alma de palabras torpes y gestos bruscos Me contó mamá que compraste manzanas del súper para dejarme las de pueblo cuando venía. Yo te guardaría todos los minutos del mundo pero se escapan cada vez que voy a pescarlos.



# when you grow older

everything is unfamiliar and lonely you reminisce on what seems like your golden past when you were younger and carefree look back at the smiling faces in the rearview mirror the people you loved so you wonder if you can go back; throw what you have out the window the grey cityscape the strange people this empty feeling of longing play your old songs shut out the world and just sit in the basketball court after school on Friday live day by day watching sunsets on a skateboard sweet purple bubbles on your tongue

but it wouldn't be the same anymore

you don't have what you used to and you don't have anything here yet so you have nothing

going back feels like the right thing and a failure, a step backwards at the same time



#### claudia

back straight, legs crossed
ears dripping gold hoops
rich dress fluttering in the wind
cigarette held between your fingers
with poise and elegance
like an accessory
you're fake, paper thin and boring
gaze flittering
won't even look at your friends for long enough
like you have better things on your mind.
as if.

the picture of grace make me feel too big but you're just a skeleton you don't eat

i search under my organs and in my veins trying to find sympathy? feeling sorry for you changes nothing you wouldn't acknowledge me if your life depended on it



#### How does one lose a best friend?

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How am I supposed to rub your name

off my list

if I'd written it in pen?

Is it like cutting off a limb?

You cut it off just for the sake of it

You?who thought of everything,

who used to think circles around my thoughts?

didn't think about my phantom pains

My nervous system is used to your presence, don't you understand;

it reminds me every now and then.

Your face was an open book once
I could see the thoughts
dancing around beneath the surface
like that time
we waltzed in the empty basement
Why did you close it?

Now the Sun doesn't shine through, it reflects off a hard surface.

It put a up a majestic fight that afternoon in the park it stained the sky with fire in its final, desperate throes before it went under.

I wonder

if it ever crossed your mind

to fight like that.

Or even

to just

stay



# Confession of a deranged man

oh darling, darling
it's alarming
your beauty is multiplied
with each stride
away from you
i take, i tried
but it's no use
you leave me senseless?
i'm tied,
rope around my ankle fastened to your fence

tus calles
estrechas y altas?
como el arco de tu cuello,
o tu espalda cuando?
laberínticas
me enredan en tu pelo, mujer
ese sentimiento cuando te miro
quiero ver el amanecer
contigo desde tus techos

estos putos transeúntes;
no te confundes,
les quiero matar.
A veces les suelto la navaja,
o les destrozo la cara
porque se paran a mirar.
Como pueden andar por tus calles
tan tranquilos?
como si no supieran qué somos? Amor

tus ruidos íntimos por la noche y la mañana



cuando te tengo entre mis brazos
entre mis labios
y dientes
sangre, pero tu no
no huyes de lo oscuro
vive en tu sur
en la sombra del Sol

mujer, o ciudad, que te llamo?
nadie te quiere como yo
and no one knows me like you
no one's seen all you've seen;
i've looked around and
few bodies fit like ours
as if someone drew you up just for me
answering some holy question
my beautiful heaven
back in 1857



#### trauma

didn't think i could still feel it thought i'd moved away, thought i'd grown up but i felt 12 years old again today

even after all these years
i still know what it feels like.
trauma comes,
and it stays
sitting in its castle on the outskirts
waiting for the city gate to open



# willow

my whole life
like a willow bends to the water
like an overflowing sink
i've had so much love to give

like a child like a drowning man i've searched for places places to put it

plastic toys
paper books
then people?
alive and breathing, warm in their skin

more complex
more difficult
but once i've tasted
i cannot forget nor replace it