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KAILEY CARTER

I LOVE

Eyes like July's sky  
Freckles spilled like cinnamon  
Innocent dimple, bright grin  
You

ALINA ALCHEYEVA

## SUMMER SUN

Summer sun on her golden hair

Her smile so bright

Skin so fine

She is the love of my life

BRITTANI MILLS

# SUNSET

Breathe.

Inhale the cool air; exhale the salmon sunset

When just before,

The sky was blue.

KASEY TOEDTMEIER

\*

Getting in touch with *Zen*

Nearing the end

Surrounded by light

So beautiful and bright

ETHAN ISAAC

# INVISIBLE

Do you hear me?  
I know you can.  
I love and miss you.  
By your grave, I sit with hope.

CONSTANTINOS KRAKE

## DISAMBIGUATION

Unconsciousness is bliss

The pain is gone

My mind is clear

Don't wake me up

REBEKAH PIERCE



# AUTUMN LEAVES

Skeletons hang from limbs of trees  
Dried, brown, and broken  
Cling to the living by just a thread

ILSA STABENOW

\*

I look up at the sky  
Wishing like a little girl  
Waiting for it to happen  
Like there's no tomorrow

ALEJANDRA GARCIA

\*

Snow falling outside  
Kids sledding down the hillside  
Snowball fights at last

KATELYNN CIANCI

## WINTER

Pretty red and green Christmas.  
The sight of snowy white blankets.  
Warm air rising from homes.  
Joy and praise of family.

KIERAN JONES

## DISTANT DANISH DAMSEL

Love is greater than distance  
Distance is greater than love  
An ocean, a continent apart  
Our love forged in steel

NICK BOURDON

## ALWAYS TOGETHER

Within the bright flying plane,  
She sleeps against the window.  
But what would she think?  
Nothing ... We were perfect together.

HAILEE STOCKDALE

\*

She's assertive, experienced and alluring  
Blonde, brazen and beautiful  
She'll make you, break you, change you  
She's a girl

WESTLEY COLEMAN

## SUPER POWERS

My good deeds, invisible to only you.  
An identity I keep,  
Accept me.  
For the public I wear a mask.

LAURISSA WOODBURY



## JUST ONE KISS

One kiss, just one kiss  
Will turn this green skin human  
But you wouldn't  
Kiss a frog, would you?

CHRISTINA MARKLEY

## LOVE AT FIRST BITE

You will be mine

You possess an enticing aroma

Come here my love

Come here my sweet

ZACH HODGINS

## THE FULLY-CLOTHED MONSTER

Darkness turns my dirty laundry  
From comfort  
To fright  
Save me, my impenetrable blanket fortress

BEN FREEMAN

## NOTHING DONE RIGHT

Forgetting to lock the door,  
Turn off a light, and  
Put a cup away.  
It's gonna be a long day.

NICKALUS AASEN

# 4&20

No more than twenty words  
You can make four lines  
With five words per line  
That's a four twenty poem

ANDY FORTON

# JORDANS

So fresh and new  
Just me and you  
You are just my shoes

WYATT UNDERWOOD

DRIVE DRIVE DRIVE

Down the field

The runner must not fear

The men who chase him are near

NASSER FARHOD

\*

As I complete the corner,  
I see the flag held up  
White line's getting closer  
Finish line, here I come

DENNIS SHKVAROVSKIY



## JIU-JITSU

Even with no striking involved,  
The sport is as brutal as  
A starving lion in Africa  
Taking down a zebra

KENNY MARTINEZ

## THEATRE OBSESSION

Stress multiplied  
Don't know why I do it  
Late nights, blood, sweat, tears  
But the downbeat is worth it

LYDIA MILSARK

## THE YEARS WE TAKE

As we get to class,  
Waiting for time to pass  
Making this year great,  
Waiting to seal our fate.

AMBER, WRIGHT

\*

I open my bedroom window  
The world is different than months ago  
We must move on  
We can't have it back

KAILEY CARTER

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