

Mixed Emotions: A Mad-verse Kasen
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tension
of past love
lab partners

ai

recalling
each other's anatomy

ra

she looks away
he looks at the project
always remembering

tv

grey electric knowing
appears in his memory

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the moon above
glows
showing the truth

ep

i hide from my life
in a new story

ac

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sneaking through the bushes
the crunching leaves
break my cover

rh

running
rampant and rogue

ep

the toddler
runs wild
through our yard

kg

movement
slow but surely

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the tortoise hides
from the shadow
of the runner

nw

hidden behind the bushes
i see his ears

js

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in his eyes
the reflection
of the full moon

dc

the stillness of the lake
broken, glassy no more

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shattered mirror
a piece of forgotten glass
in her shoe

rh

my blood falls
from my hand

ep

in full bloom
we converse
under the cherry blossom

mb

the first kiss
nothing special

rc

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rug burns
on his knees
i see you

ac

what little pain
a break up brings

rm

new sprouts
rise out of
the fallen oak

rmb

on the forest floor
the snake sees refuge

nw

the dog is smarter—
he spots the snake
and licks his chops

ai

the dog licks his butt
then licks you

jm

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unconditional love
no fear of germs
i love him back

mb

how loving
her wet kiss

ep

no one wants
her wet kisses
except the...

tv

the one she despises
from years ago

dc

there he goes
with his new love
and new baby

tv

the baby's eyes
bright as the moon

mb

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eyes wide
like
flying saucers

ep

the cat from outer space
collars me

rmb

cat screams
heard from far away
oh, it's girls

js

such an annoying
sound to hear across campus

dc

even the cherry blossoms
cover
their ears

rh

cherry lips
crushed with cherries

js

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ai = Allyson Isenhower
ac = Andrew Cliatt
dc = Deion Corley
ep = Elizabeth Pillow
js = Jesal Sheth
jam = Joshua Mysliwjec
kf = Kaitlyn Foster
kg = Katherine Goethals
ld = Lexi Doss
mb = Morgan Bettner
nw = Nicole Wells
rh = Rachel Humphrey
rmb = Randy Brooks
rca = Rory Arnold
rlm = Ryan McDonald
tv = Travis Voorhees