

## Feeling Your Bones

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my heels fall through  
the holes  
in his story

-ep

“oh, well, actually...”  
eye roll. mansplainer

-ss

open hands  
fall hearts empty  
stomach

-mc

five friends  
doing nothing

-oi

bright & full  
like my heart  
with these four

-am

forearms meet  
unintentionally

-ep

a mask of a beard  
hides a bright smile  
and . . . dimples

-ss

strong hands laughing eyes  
turning me inside out

-mc

messy floor  
open windows  
everything is funny

-oi

funk floweth over  
my bones vibrate  
-am

feeling your bones  
against mine  
home  
-ep

moonlight on my bed  
where you used to fit  
-ss

cool pools of light  
holding seems together  
wholly necessary  
-mc

unlock the door  
crawl into bed  
-oi

sweater for warmth  
sweater for comfort  
sweater for style  
-am

style?  
who's to fuckin' say?  
-ep

my room smells like dead flowers  
tokens of affection from lovers and friends  
they wait, day and alone  
-ss

fresh and bright  
dining room table has never looked so good  
-mc

scattered  
everywhere  
soon to be empty  
-oi

kimonos w/ tea  
the t!!!  
-am

flowered print  
and godly hair,  
feeling and dangerous

-mb

buttoned up?  
buttoned down?

-ep

grab your hat  
i'll wear your scarf  
the wind picks up

-ad

clouds roll in, intimidating  
a playful rain gives me a kiss hello!

-ss

dripping on my head  
cooling on my mind  
feeling strong

-mc

cool light dripping from a chin  
comforting, delighting

-mb

i want more  
realizing i need  
nothing

-ep

i need someone to  
snuggle with tonight

-ad

the moon's sweet embrace has replaced yours  
his silvery eyes caress me softly  
so different from the cut of your emerald greens

-ss

there is no emptiness where you were  
only light and breath

-mc

breath fills my lungs  
fully  
finally

-ep

crisp spring air  
cutting my lungs

-ss

dress with no tights  
a protest,  
to winter's grasp

-mc

no bra! i say,  
fuck you!

-ep

they call me a flower child  
braless rebel, they say, frowning  
and a feminist i add

-ss

windows doors eyes  
open and red  
tired but wild

-mc

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