

## Candy Wrappers

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candy wrappers  
littered the floors  
where my eyes first met yours

n.w.

litter on the ground  
tears of a statue

mom

lady liberty  
dressed in green  
deteriorating

dad

faded copper  
luck diminished

n.w.

lucky moon  
staring from afar  
lighting my way

mom

moon in, moon out  
night, day

dad

day drunk  
beer and wine  
campus darty

n.w.

catalina wine mixer  
the freakin' catalina wine mixer

mom

napa valley  
grape country  
Barney the dinosaur

dad

clean up, clean up  
everybody's underwear

n.w.

thongs in the laundry not mine my daughter is a hoe	mom
helping a sick family member putting in a garden	dad
by the light of the moon diligent farmer tends his marijuana plants	n.w.
mary jane shoes simpler times	mom
give me two pair so i can get to steppin' in my air force ones	dad
under my feet corpses of ants	n.w.
flowers for corpses the dead can't smell pointless perfume	mom
zombies are everywhere good thing i am prepared	michael
lessons learned from Woody Harrelson zombieland	n.w.
white men can't jump but they can hustle	mom
Omar Epps can ball he hangs with Hugh Laurie in the tv show house	michael
crazy Lin Manuel Miranda rapping with house, then Hamilton	

n.w.

George Washington  
here comes the general  
our country's father

mom

Trump is our president  
make America great again

michael

realizing  
America was never  
great

n.w.

land of the free  
home of the brave

mom

red haired girl  
disney princess  
bow and arrow

michael

battling snow  
Katniss Everdeen

n.w.

the moon sees  
hunger everywhere  
of all kinds

mom

hunger for flesh  
insatiable and endless

michael

monsters among us  
stalking  
we're all prey

n.w.

we're all predators  
feeding off each other

mom

predators eat prey  
it's how it always is  
kill or be killed

michael

be the butcher  
or the cattle

n.w.

covering the scent  
of ugly death  
pink roses

mom

death stalks its prey  
it attacks

michael

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