

Frenzy: A Mad-verse Kasen  
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### **Frenzy**

blonde curls fall to the floor  
freedom from the life lived  
chop chop

rh

looking in the mirror  
I see my new beginning

ac

those first few steps  
I feel weightless, untouched  
with a new belonging

dc

her reflection in the mirror  
not crystal clear...

js

The moonlight  
shimmers on a  
crystal clear lake

mb

hearing the hope  
from the people singing

ep

in the streets  
gatherings come together  
to celebrate the news

mb

new baby  
left in the bathroom stall

tv

hit the lotto  
watch your motto  
bippity bopo

jam

cheap gigolo  
meets up in the forest

rca

clothes scattered  
through the thick brush  
that trips me

ai

thorns engraving  
bloody lines on me

ld

the full moon  
bringing out  
the crazies

kg

masses of mosquitos  
pestering the night

nw

it hurts when  
I'm bit  
by her

rlm

dishing arguments  
I need a martini

rca

a con starts flowing  
words spilling out  
until he drips

ac

ankles tangled  
in weeds and wildflowers

nw

toe pricked  
by a red  
thorn

rh

my toe turns red  
dyed by the thorn

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Baby Turns Pale  
lack  
of everything

tv

toddler screams  
as he slams the door

js

mothers head in hands  
broken by stress  
tomorrow will be better

dc

sun peeks out  
from the grassy hills

rh

loving the sun  
hating the  
burn

ep

the sun's cool touch  
on the warmest day

dc

the shadows creep slowly towards me  
as the clouds race  
to the ends of the Earth

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the earth is flat  
...millennials

jam

The moon  
shining white on my eyes  
my brother's butt

rca

a cop's spotlight  
we drop toilet paper and run

nw

late at night  
we travel  
to the city

rca

traffic lights—  
the glare blinding

ai

I rub my eyes  
trying to focus  
on not crashing

kg

opening eyes  
to the sound of sirens

nw

the cherry blossoms  
turning black  
and torn

rh

but still strong  
healing from past battles

dc

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