

North Star: A Mad-verse Kasen  
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### North Star

you are my almost,  
the could have been,  
but i am your never  
mm

i need to walk away  
but i couldn't if i tried  
k6

wind blows the leaves  
winter day  
as the sky is snowing  
jj

bundles of cotton  
are delicate  
kp

moon light  
brighter than i  
please shine on me  
dlr

one banjo  
then two  
rb

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chickens playing  
horses swimming  
sun setting west  
dlr

in the dark  
north star is found  
kp

too bright for my eyes  
hate becomes the shade  
that keeps bondage awake  
jj

i've never wanted darkness  
so badly before

k6

the cold embrace  
i breathe  
you in

mm

in bed with pneumonia  
lighting a cigarette  
lr

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disappointment  
how i feel when i think  
about this city

k6

traffic – jam  
thoughts racing  
kp

facetime  
with the boys  
at wrigley field  
rb

separated by distance  
always together  
mm

cherry blossoms hold hands  
until next season  
we wait  
jj

beauty is forever  
life is eternity  
dlr

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