

giggling,
he grabs her hand
a little too tightly

lashing out
he quickly withdraws his hand

after the fight
she lays down for
a quick nap

waking up
to the smell of afternoon tea

seeing a vase of
hydrangeas on the hall table
welcome guest

happy to have you here
for a short while

My friends who aren't in this class
decided that helping me out with this
assignment sounded like fun to them,
so we worked on it during our free
time at rehearsal.

growing

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flashy pom poms
the cheerleader
fakes a smile

mascara shellacked eyes
war paint

football field
battleground
cheer, fight, play, go

bright lights
illuminate a crowd

moonlight streaming
a shy boy beaming
first kiss

butterflies
coming out of my throat

my throat, my mouth
from inside to my lips
the smile rises

without a doubt
you are
my sun and moon

I'm starting to learn
life's first lesson –
don't judge a book by its cover

selfish
because I don't want to share
your love

Some say you can't taste love
They've never tasted wine & no sleep

never wanting to see stars
without you there

all the stories I want to read
with you

laughing with you
in the empty park

early mornings
are always made better
when I have my cup of you

don't tell me that
nature
doesn't love

people will look at us
and forget
that we were a tragedy

loving each other
just like
the ducks on the lake

missing your body
between my sheets

admiring an act of courtship
between two frogs

I don't know how to love
you

bright, piercing eyes
and a sassy beak

I never wanted you
to leave
altogether

nestled among the blossoms
an out of place
feral cat

learning something new
every day
from the unexpected

a shadow in
the moonlight
the rustle of leaves

suddenly
you're standing beside me

even the ugly ones
can be beautiful inside

becoming my own teacher
working on my relationships

two lovers emerge
from the bushes