

A year's gone by
comfort from friends
salty taste once again

xx

her memories remind him
of love that was lost

xx

the seat empty now
but her presence
always in his heart
xx

soft beats of his heart
he knows she's still there

xx

cherry blossoms surround
the grave where she lays
he visits one last time

xx

the barrel pressed to his head
he pulls the trigger

xx

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Salty Star Crossed Lovers

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salty lips
laughter fills the air
there goes the ding

xx

the summer heat
radiates the room

xx

friends all together
no more class
cant stop talking

xx

ice cream served
searching for a spoon
xx

returning home
missing them already
harvest moon

xx

hearing their voices
lost into the forest

xx

he says goodbye
for the summer
one last kiss

xx

laying down, trying to sleep
his imprint in the pillow still

xx

orange skies
all seemed warmer
when you were near

xx

hearing the sounds
that remind me of you

xx

losin control now
she fell for him and
hasnt gotten up since

xx

constantly checking
still no notification

xx

happy at the thought
that he is seeing
the same beautiful moon

xx

the stars glow
his smile

xx

she wishes they could
be together
holding his hand

xx

hoping to be together
at last, wishing for forever

xx

walking along
the cold dark path
alas— cherry blossoms!

xx

old pond, mosquitos
hover the dead plants

xx

all alone
seeking his presence
lost along the path

xx

far up ahead
headlights appear

xx

mind traces back
to the memories
under the tall oak tree

xx

the day I found
what love is...

xx

his lips on mine
longing for just
another sweet kiss

xx

he saved her
without even knowing

xx

she was drowning
in a sea of sadness
until he came along

xx

seeing red
at the mountains peak

xx

she races towards him
flying high in his arms
she never thought it would be

xx

the ground beneath
begins to break

xx

slipping out of his reach
she tumbles to the rocks
seeing her eyes in the moon

xx

the last tear falls, peace
over the casket

xx