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Needy Person

October 31, 1998

would you know what I wanted to say
you would have treated me differently

I love you
I'm not joking
I wanted to spend my life with you
I wanted you to want that, too.
I've wanted to have that life with you
and I've never wanted to tell you that
I've wanted you to just know

Maybe you're just used to not thinking about this

you're tall,
have blonde hair
blue eyes.

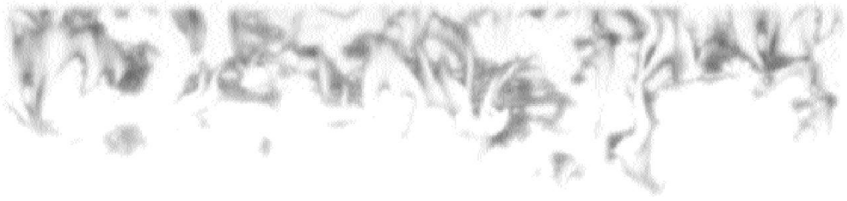
you're not perfect
neither am I
I've been able to get past all that with you
are you capable of doing that for me

I'm a needy person sometimes
and you never notice that I need

maybe I work like a giant
and am good at what I do

but maybe sometimes I can't do it alone
that's what I need you for





Not For Me Yet

November 15, 1998

There are so many things I must remember
things about you

do I remember things a certain way
do I see them the way everyone does

I come fully equipped with certain ideas, hopes, fears

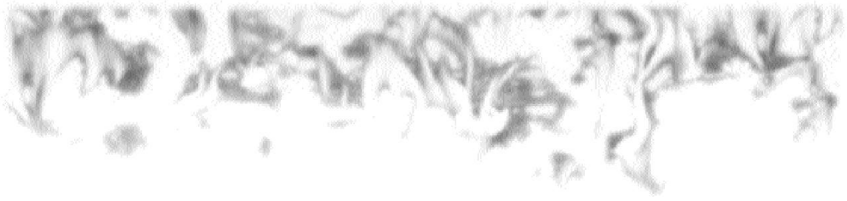
You started to rub my back today
before a long drive home
I said it out loud
I didn't want this to end
I was enjoying this too much

I wanted you near me
how should ask for that
I didn't want to tell you to not go

and nothing was resolved
not for me yet

you'll always look at life differently now
this I know
but I can hope things are different
I can





Suspend My Beliefs

November 14, 1998

I want someone to tell me
everything is okay
they are going to be there for me
they can take care of me
and love me
and they would know what love is

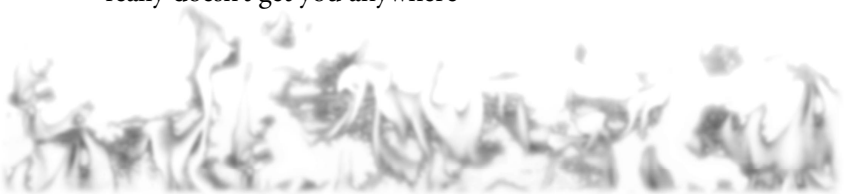
real love, lifetime love

just hearing someone say that all
and mean it
would be enough

I'd be able to suspend my beliefs for a moment

what should I make out of this world
that doesn't make sense
what should I make out of it

I can hope, I suppose
but this whole belief thing
in things you have no proof of
really doesn't get you anywhere





So what do I want
I want someone to let me not think for a while

someone to come along
excite me, make me feel alive

I've wanted you to be a part of my life
for so many years now
I've wanted it for so long, never telling you
maybe I wouldn't feel so lonely for you
and maybe I wouldn't want so much more from you





The Same For You

November 26, 1998

I have learned things, and wanted things
and I never get what I want
I'm used to that now


maybe my standards
are different from the average

I won't get married when I want to
at the rate I am going
I may never

I have been told you are a lucky guy
because you get the chance
to hold me and give me attention
and all that other gushy stuff

but you haven't taken that chance
oh, wait, that is something
 you haven't given me
that is something I have learned too

you kissed me last night
we made the comical references
of having sex for hours
and we knew we were both
saying it in jest
and nothing ever happened





is that how it is?
joking, and having nothing?
well, then, I can deal with that, too

I want you to fill in the pieces
and make everything better for me
I want to make all of your problems
go away for you

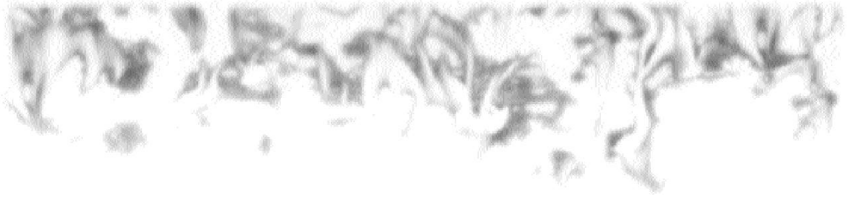
it was
maybe the accident
maybe the lack of a car
maybe the desperate need for attention from you

I wanted to be held
And you held me more
and hugged me more
was I reading into things
or were you actually thinking of me

there are only so many times
where I got nothing from you

I ask too many questions to you sometimes
because I have to get used to that, you know





Telling What you Want And Hearing What You Want

November 29, 1998

learn how to deal with other people
and talk to other people

some of the rules seem obvious
but some of them take getting used to

tell a man how to talk to a woman
reading war and peace could be easier

there needs to be a handy guide
to tell you how to deal with others

when someone wants to hear something
is it that hard to tell them what they want?

or is it that traumatic for you to speak
or are you just too scared





Want That Too, You Know

November 16, 1998

I have this tendency to notice the details

I've noticed when you speak in passing
well, I noticed the double meaning
and maybe you weren't trying to
give a double meaning
maybe I'm just too aware

maybe I want something to work
we women want that too, you know





well, someone is

October 28, 1998

what is too much
what is not enough

I've been thinking about that
really, about you
and how much thinking is too much
and how much is not nearly enough
where do you draw that line


I should be thinking that you don't want me
I can be used to you not caring

did you change your mind
or lie to me

though I don't like either option

will we have a happy life together
we were supposed to get married
remember us talking about it?
I'm sure you don't remember.
I do. I remember

But now you don't
I'm beginning to understand, to feel it
are you trying to make me feel this way
well, someone is





Well, What About Me

November 28, 1998

How can I say goodbye to you
when you don't even know I was looking for you
you weren't even listening

I've just wanted to be alive

if I died
they'd cry for a few days and
then they would get
used to the fact that I was gone

yes, I've thought too much
I am a perfectionist
and a bitch

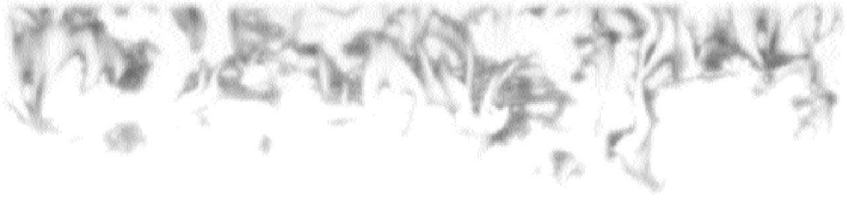
but i know that
you want to make everything better for everyone
keep everyone to be happy, do everything
appease everyone

but what about me?

if I had planned on spending my life with you

I'm trying to learn
that the beacon isn't going to
be you anymore, either
I have to draw the time somewhere
I'm tired of giving all the time
and getting nothing in return





Which I Like

November 12, 1998

You know I know that you think about me
because I think, and I know you think

And you know you're the only person
around here I feel comfortable
talking to, because you listen, you
listen to my ideas, and you talk to me

And you know, I know no one wants
to think, and people would rather
settle for brainless activity

I know this

Does it mean there's a reason that
we're together
I don't know
I know that
my reason to exist is to make people think
And, as for you, well, it works, which I like





Wrong Attention

November 14, 1998

I'm tired of being alone so much
and I'm tired of missing you
and I'm tired of wanting a future with you
and I'm tired of wanting you around me

sometimes I think when I'm about to sleep
that the extra pillow could be you

as I said, maybe I'm just dying for attention
maybe I've been looking for
the wrong attention





you will

October 28, 1998

pieces of the puzzle:
i know how they fit

i've had to do this
puzzle thing for years
and i'm good at it

and i know i make you whole

i know it won't take long
as i said, i'm good at this

you'll feel good
about it when it's done

you don't think it
but you will





Have To Ask

November 28, 1998

your sister was surprised
she was surprised that I thought
that you didn't have a photo of me in his wallet
but she never told me why she was surprised
so I'll have to ask



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