# FOR NOW

# Welcome to Earth

Welcome to Earth. Where mortals play god and pretend that white skin is a blessing. Who decides who lives and dies? Where does the money actually come from? To whom does it go back to? Why is it that anyone is due more? This planet and all of her subjects confuse me. Ι feel a fire that burns at my heart. A green glow. I want to save the world but how can one solve a puzzle that has been cut to different shapes and sizes by the hands of blind men?

#### The Corpulent Queen

 $I^{\prime}m$  not sure what it is about the clouds.

The overlapping sadness that continuously

folds into itself.

The soft grey edges that block out every

ray of sunshine.

Where was this sadness born, which dark stream have I sipped from?

I watch as endless clouds roll through my pink sky, I hope for the day when all the blinding colors will surround me, envelope me.

And yet, here I stand.

Alone.

Upon a brown pile of shit.

The stench covered by a sickeningly sweet perfume.

Here I stand.

Alone,

and dreaming.

I watch the mountains far away, blanketed in a mist of hatred, the trees burn with angst and fear.

I know that this is my own doing. Yet I continue.

Tumbling down from my throne of putrid bile.

I know that the end is near and the day of redemption will never save me.

The clouds have grown too thick and wretched

to let me see the light.

So, I wait.

In my waste.

Alone,

and glorious.

#### Wolf Spider

Each day is a constant struggle. Whether I am gasping for breath or releasing dank air. I have never claimed to be a good person. I know exactly what my actions do. Playing with humans is such a trivial thing. I feel a tremor in the air after I have ensnared someone in my I know this feeling, I feed off of it. I do not do this to everyone, just select few who will never be more than just prey. I have my dear family to thank for this immortal web. I know this game is dangerous. Someday I will burn from all of the spirits I have broken. At first I could not stop this silky touch, I did not know when I was entangling simple strangers. But lately it has grown into something I no longer want to feed. My mind is hungry, my soul is thirsty. This game has drained my being. I only now have begun to realize that broken hearts were not the fault of others. But my own striking. Like scalding glass put in a freezer. Cracked. Broken. Too hot or too cold. And I was the cold one. I know this now, and the blame game has ceased. My soul is searching for something more beautiful,

more meaningful,

to be fully transformed. No longer a mistreated wolf spider, sulking in the shadows of death, but a young wolf, strong-willed and hungry for life.

#### Dreams

I wish my dreams were real.
I could escape the monotony of vagueness and opaque humans.
In my dreams
colors are so vivid
I taste them.
There are no games
just action and thought.
I grow tired of the simplicity of human behavior, luke warm hearts and sepia toned minds.

Life is a masterpiece, or at least how I imagine it. Birthed in fire, soaked in desire and lead by passion.

Days eclipse.
Nights dance.
Intertwined.
Reality and realization.
My dreams anchor me.

I go to sleep praying, thanking the angels for their company and guidance, pleading with them to show me the spirit world, to open the labyrinth of magic and let my first world welcome me home.

These dreams
sate my hunger for truth
and light the path for
days yet to come.
My previous lives thrive in this
second
dimension, hinting at wisdom,
whispering lessons.
Past and future lovers reside there,
with open arms and steamy kisses.
Friends lost in time
visit me, cry with me.
The Moon sheds more light
on me than the sun ever could.

Oh, such a splendid world
I live in.
But when I awake,
faint memories, slightly touchable,
haunt my undead mind.
I am alive when Moon shadows
slither and creep,
when stars twinkle.
My mind is borderless.

#### We Are All Connected

To love, would be an awfully great adventure. I fall in love everyday with actions, words, people, movies. My heart swells, skips a beat, and tears trickle down. There is beauty all around, there is life in everything, silently moving and emanating. Inanimate objects are really truly animated. Should they not feel most of all? They were created by man molded, infused with blood sweat and tears. They have atoms, DNA, memories. They are simply the silent observers, poised to wait and watch the fretfully dynamic lives of humans. Who's to say they do not relish in the show? I love life. The mountains and the valleys, the rivers and the lakes, the sun and the moon. For we are all connected, eternally.

#### Harmony

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I pray,
that one day
I will be one.
Alone and together,
the all encompassing.
That day could be today
yet I am racked
with fear.
As I step further
into my journey
I realize
there are two paths,
the practical
and the magical.
I see them
as winding
as a river
flogged with
bumps
and
falls.
My heart wants to fly
but my feet are stuck to
the ground.
I pray
that a gentle breeze
might lift my wings
again.
To be unafraid
is to love with
your whole being.
My inspiration
is my song,
it is what created
me.
I hear it when I am alone,
I hear it when I
am with my family.
I hear it when I am in love.
I pray,
that one day
the children of the
Universe will sing
together
again
and
will
in
harmony.
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#### My Friend Amy

Stars come into existence, shine, spark, crackle.

After years of shedding light for all,

they fade.

A mere glimpse of beauty.

Provoking smiles and laughter
wherever they are.
But time must pass,

and other stars must shine.
Each with a divine purpose,
 a God sent mission,
 and souls to touch.

Let us remember the stars that twinkled when we were melancholy, the bubble of energy that lifted our spirits.

That is how the universe will survive,

from memories of the good times, of the hope that will push us onward.

Each step further from the start and closer to infinity.

Memories are immortal, a time capsule of truth, always to resurface.

So have love in your hearts my dear ones,

life is out there!
Adventure awaits.

We shall remember the stars that lit our darkened paths, and we will be grateful for their teachings.

We must carry on, through hell and back again; for our journeys are short my friends,

and what use is it to not live?

#### Blacktail Butte

At first it rained and then it poured.
Lightning bore up to the sky and the gods applause resounded off the rigid mountains. We danced, and sang and cried.
In the tears of Mother Earth we watched life unfold.
Each drop pounded into the hillside and hid the mountain tops.
Misty clouds of slate raced north towards the heavens.

Our minds were far away, distanced by love and poetry. Our souls drank the rain and we were healed.

For a brief moment in time, we were real.

The Earth does that, she never ceases to amaze.
"To see the world," with your heart, that..." he said
"That would be the bravest choice."

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A Dick
Along
time
we
go.
To
where?
do
not
know.
But
swift
is
our
motion,
commotion,
and conversation
about
timeless
paradoxes.
I believe that somewhere,
... I have been there before...
holds my mind.
Locked in the jaws
of screaming boys.
I cannot even write about it because
doesn't make sense.
I can remember,
but I don't.
It only brings sorrow.
Friends died,
relationships withered,
& love could not be
held accountable
for such atrocities.
So many things I have
disappeared.
Covered with laughter
and
what a
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good time.

# Flutterby

I once liked butterflies, because you did. I was enchanted, because I knew I couldn't hold you. One day you flew away and said, "Hold me like you love me", I did. Fuck, at least I tried. I knew when you left that I too was denied by gravity. On Earth our time was never right, in spirit you dragged me onward. Through blood and fire. I emerged, with tears in my eyes and skin on my teeth. Changed, hardened by the light of night. Blinded by forgotten destiny. I can't trust my dreams, because they lead me to your gaze. Icey blue wings that pierce my heart. I have long known those eyes. But not anymore.

#### Fall, Falling, Fallen, Fell

I used to think I was brave. That I could be anything I aimed for. But then life hit me, kicked me, shit on me rolled me in dirt and spit on me. I wish I could be brave again, not live in fear, and let my heart shine. If I were brave I could tell them to stop. I could tell him I love him. I could do anything. It's hard to choose the right path. I feel as if I'm slowly drifting from the path of light. I have fallen. Hard. And I'm too scared to get back up.

# Nowhere, but We are Here Now

Nothing to do. No one to see, and where are we? Nowhere, but we are here now. Now? Is it a second or a thought? Perhaps a kiss or a wink, maybe even a slap or a shot. What now? I've woken up with that saying scribbled on my forearm too many times. What now? But, what is now? I'm not sure, but I think it may be the beating of our broken hearts.

#### Will I?

How strange the broken promise. Why promise in the first place? Perfection is a dream but loyalty is a joke. 1 drink 2 drink 3 drink floor. As I squirm beneath your clammy grasp I remember where I am. It isn't right. Not right at all. As my mother watches on. "I will kill you!" she screams, possessed by the fear of her youngest daughter being a tramp. Is that all there is? Really? In all honesty, I'll probably fuck you and never beg for more. But I won't remember, will I?

#### Wilted Flower

If I may be honest, I don't feel much anymore. There are things, far and few between that cause a twinge in my heart. A wilted flower, a father's embrace, a lover's prayer, the moon when she peeks her head behind clouds and crowned in starlight. But long ago, these things escaped me. Or maybe I just imagined them up. I see the world, and I am amazed at the numbness of it all. I pray I may feel the rain on my lashes and the wind through my soul again.

#### A Rose

I have never loved anyone I have slept with. I have never slept with anyone I love. Such a paradox. It makes me sick. I have used and been abused, found naked on the men's restroom floor, and was told "you're lucky I didn't take pictures" A fucked view of life. Looking up through bottomless shots of tequila, was it worth it? I question if all of this; me, you, him, her, is worth it.

# I Am Who I Am Not I am tired. Tired of holding my tongue at the thoughts my mind shouts. What do I want to do? Who do I want to be? I do not know. And I am tired. Two phrases that have shredded my happiness into mangled pieces $\circ f$ drv. cracked leather. I am sad because I have let people down. I have let people rule my actions. My fear of making the wrong choice has lead me to not only block out the light but hide in shadows of yesterday. I do not know. I have not since.. I cannot remember, perhaps when I thought life was real and dreams were not. It makes no sense, or at least to my guarded mind. The strive for money and material

things.
Yet I do it.

I play a stupid game I follow a certain crowd and I speak a certain way. I am what I am not, for the world is shady and everything has a shadow. I am not tired of the sun that guides my day nor the moon that dances by night. I do know the feel of cold slapping at my neck and of the heat that betrays my sweat. I am not tired of the books that are written or the flowers growing tall. I do know the loveliness of music that lulls in the summer air, as well as the sweetness of a mountain spring. All of these things I am, I know, but I don't and they keep far away from me. In dreams I do not sleep because my body escapes me. She glides through time like a slippery snake on an unwinding road. She is never eager to return to an ignorant era. Where bones and paint are what everyone wears. But she does and when I awake, I am tired, and I do not know.

# Like A Bird

What have I become?
All I want to do is lie
somewhere,
on the soft and
unbroken earth.
Feel the pulse of mother's womb,
hear the coyotes calling,
wade into a cold
rushing river
as my heart breaks
from the
chilly tears
of my
mountain home.

Nature waits for no man. Snow shall fall and winds may whip. In the simpleness of a tree is the secrets of our kind. I've tried to not lose my memories of crisp valley mornings or the winking of ancient stars, or the lessons taught to me by my sister lion and brother hawk. "Come back to The Valley" they cry. "Find shelter neath our Willow branches" they say. "Lose this Pink hide you have donned in recent years."

If only they knew how much I missed them.

If I could shed my skin for the feathers I once knew, I would.

But alas, this time around I was given a task to bring spirit back into this broken world.

#### Can Anybody Hear Me?

Can anybody hear me? I say, hello. It's me, a demon in disquise an angel in the skies. No one will hear this cry for help, lost forlorn and agonizingly in love. In love with human concept rhythm and rhyme. What words to spell. A spell was cast and as years passed his wicked grasp of hate and disgust oozed into the pores of most man woman and child. The darkness eked and squeaked from every living society. But, as time shall pass kingdoms rise and fall. The cure, a blue sparkle of spirit, touched down amongst humankind not long ago. It has drifted into the dreams of sentient men, the wishes of blind women, and thoughts of idle children, awakening their souls to light. She, of love and creation, a forgotten... Goddess shall we say. I surrender to her soft teachings as I am called upon to feed the unjust. A cohort of the court

brought down from highest of heavens, we once were all there, little by little gravity tugged at our feet and dragged us earthbound. Light shines through us, but we must learn to live with the darkness that is also within, the part of us that is without. This is the spell, the fear driven and passionless dwelling of human suffering. So we must shine. Shine with the knowledge that we are of light. Stoke the spark, keep the embers of love and art alive. Live well knowing that we will always be here, today, tomorrow and yesterday.

# Fight to Fly

I live by the beat of my own heart. I breathe because my mind craves air. I fight to fly beyond this society without instinct, beyond dust of human misery. Anger pollutes soul and is tasted in the toxic fumes of our commercial lifestyle. Beneath the constant thrum of car engines and construction destruction is the song of our first womb. Mother Earth cries. She has fevered at the hand of our own people. I long to feel her happiness again, when everything was awash with splendor. I know people who preach love, but act upon hate. This is our own demise. Love one another, as I have loved you, be gentle and loving, for that is how I was taught. Not in Sunday school, or my parents hand, not in yoga or history class. But in the silence of a glacial lake, so green and pure, it fed the wilderness all around, and asked for nothing more. I watch as people rape, kill, maim,

curse, and crucify. Have those things been taught? How? Whv? and I lose myself again, a shred of a thought, a blink of an eye, who am I to say these things. A girl, white and blonde and blue eyed. I have been blessed with an easy enough life, only marred by mortality and reality. But I feel, as the days grow short and full of fear, and I cry.

#### Wyoming on My Mind

What I would give to be in Wyoming. Where mountains hug the sky and the wind whispers stories of yesterday.

Where lakes mirror dusty pine trees and Father Sun is close enough to burn wildflowers

into the countryside.

I long to see the stars that embed themselves into your heart.

To hear hawks crying and the coyotes whooping.

To feel the simple beauty that is in and all

around.

I wish to gallop through the open plains of sage

brush and chase grazing antelope.

I want to find an abandoned cabin with treasures

from Hell's Angels.

There are rivers and streams of consciousness that flow through the valleys and rest in the bed of forgotten mysteries.

The hum of Tree

grunt of Bison

stride of Bear

quake of Mother Earth

and smoke from Grandfather Fire.

Whether I lay neath an aspen tree at midday with my journal

or ride at break of dawn

atop my horse shadow,

acop my noise snadow,

or wander through a midnight

forest in love.

Wyoming will always be my home.

#### Double Vision

In an instant I see my friend, shadowed by demons and they are pulling him off the roof, he is too tired to fight back. Or maybe he just doesn't see. But I felt them. reached out and grabbed him. "I will not let that happen to you!" The words tumbled out before I even understood where this sight had come from. We were in shadows, I saw the lingering effect of sadness, the way it held a victims gaze, I see it in the eyes of those around me. It's droopy and hangs where sleepy's are. I saw the anger in my own face, it's painted red on my ruddy cheeks. But I also saw the joy that dimpled the anger and dulled the pain. I saw love pushing the sadness out of our eyes, causing silvery streams

of heartbreak
that helped
put out
the
angry fire
that has
grown in past
years.
I feel like I have
double vision,
light versus dark,
I cannot unsee
the planes
I have somehow
dropped into.

I am forever Changed.

# My Green Heart

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I wish there were a planet
where we could just grow things.
Who's we?
It's you and me.
Giving back to
creation
in it's
finest
quality.
Flowers
growing
tall
and
trees are almost
always
in
fall.
I believe in love,
like a burglar in
the
night,
when the lights
are gone
and curtains drawn,
stolen
are these
hearts
of ours.
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# To Understand: Not What I Expected

"I'll miss you, if that's any consolation." As I leave my heart behind for someone I'm not sure wants it. "Haha, I'm sorry, I don't really do this shit often" You have no idea. I try to live with an open heart, like a river in spring, but letting someone in to love you back is frightening. I read you my poetry, "Another one!!" you screamed each time I finished. And while we laid beneath the stars, tangled in tall grass, drenched in sweat; time slowed down for us. She seemed to cheer for this fucked up happenstance, like it had only been a matter of time. I'm scared though, that I will forget you, or you'll stop caring and it will all have been a dream. I was shown that if you really want to know a person you must understand them, forgive them, allow themselves to strip naked and then you do the same. We talked about sex and love, and people in our lives who filled those roles. "I wish I could open up enough to be gay, but my family never let me be sensitive" hearing you say that

makes me want to cry. He asked about my father. "That's fucked up, how are you?" I said I was fine. "You need to let yourself be fucked up" you have no idea. I have tried to move past my father's death, but when your dad doesn't come home and ask you to take his boots off and rub his feet, then demands you play him a song on the piano, trust is a thing of fantasy. When I let myself feel fucked up, I get drunk. When I pretend everything is ok, I suffocate. The only times I have felt are when I lay neath the moon and retreat into the whispers of the Universe, they tell me that everything is divinely created. Nothing happens for no reason. I take heed of these wisdoms, I'll be strong for as long as I need to be, and I will keep pushing onward, for love, for creation, and to meet more people like me and you, big ole softies hardened by years of conditioned love, for we are the dreamers who can still change the world. It is said that understanding is another word for love,

well, I understand you
and I think
you understand me.

# My Own Two Cents: An Ode to Molly

Sometimes the world makes no sense, sometimes I feel like I gotta give my own two cents.

Underneath a desert is an ocean floor,

and above the clouds are places we've never seen before.

To trust the way things have been is a curse,

but to open your eyes to the radiance all around is taboo.

We continue to craft our own hearse, and spend our lives in an inverted zoo.

Our destinies written with every waking thought,

and still we pray through bloody coughs.

I am sick.

Sick of listening to others tell me how to live my life.

Telling me no,

you can't do that,

it's impossible,

you'll drown in your own misery.

And to you people,

I say,

I might be close to the ground but I ain't down yet.

#### Mary

The voice within me is old. And I know her now. I've always known her, because she is me, as much as I am her.

I remember, a time in September, under a tree crowned in golden leaves, a tall crescent woman. She was the moon captured in pearly skin, and long iridescent hair that mimicked the night. She beckoned me and we tumbled through the forest. We laughed, and sang and flew. She showed me skyscapes beyond imagination. I understood oneness then. That we are all of the same being. Our disconnection solidified with distance from that oneness. How blind the eyes of those who do not dream.

She told me her name, Mary.

For a while, I forgot her, my hardened heart aching. Each day I was nearer to the ground, and farther from the stars.

Soon I was haunted by demons. Walkers, stalkers, rapists, and roofies. A product of vagina-envy.

But I am powerful, and in my dreams I remember, all the doors must be opened by me. I am the keeper of my fate.

#### T See

I realize that the world can be so ugly, but I see beauty everywhere. The Universe has provided us with everything we could ever possibly need.

I look at trees, they have given us the tools to make music,

to catch our words and pictures, they are the air we breath.

I look at mountains that surround

I am in awe of their grandeur.
Their raw and intense grace
made by our earth's crust slamming
into each other,
such a catastrophic event,
and yet we play on them,
climb their peaks and
find shelter under them.
I feel wind that howls at night,
that gently washes by at midday,
I see change it carries upon its
back,

and I wonder from where it came. I see the moon that peaks behind a sparkling blue curtain, her icy gaze has always held mine, even when she intrudes upon the sun, and I understand the union they have made.

I feel the sun that warms my skin and flows life into every creature it knows.

I look at flowers, how they hold the secrets of our Universe,

their soft center gives life to all, akin to the everlasting circle we dance in.

I notice rain,
how it mimics tears,
but how much we need those tears
in order to grow again,
to feed the rivers of our souls
and wash the world of fear.
I see divinity in the faces around
me,

the giggle of a baby, the touch of a velvet lover's hand,

the hard work that goes into making our world the way it is.
There is a magnificence in the imperfections of human-kind, we are given the choice to feed into whichever reality, the beautiful and kind or the ugly and mean. But it is our choice, and how glorious a gift. I see beauty that is all around, that is all within, and without.
The world can be so ugly, but I see the beauty everywhere.

#### I is Somewhere

I see people, a sea of people, in hiding waiting to jump. Our path is unwinding all around us. Every choice an obstacle, every decision a leap. We know nothing except what we feel in our bones. The I is somewhere, maybe in our eyes or nose, even our tongue or toes. No one knows why the wind blows or where it goes, but caught in the gust of life we are, and we tumble endlessly.

#### Let their Spirit Fly

Always moving, feeling, loving, seeing. I can't know what controls me. I feel as if I'll never stop spinning. I am suspended in darkness, the only things that show me I'm moving are streaks of light that flow through me and take me places I never knew existed. I dream of being strong, powerful enough to lead but in waking moments I drag my feet, not knowing how to carry on. As tired as I am, I look forward to late night talks, when people feel safe enough to let their spirit fly. Magic is real, I hear it tumble from the mouths of those who know not how wise they are, I let it escape through my fingers into the hearts of my loved ones. Let it go, let it go as easy as a flowing breeze, invisible to those who dare not question the rhythm of life. There is a burning ember deep within that tells me "There is much more, open your eyes, everything is not as it seems."

#### New Trails

A lot has changed since I met him. How I see the world, myself in relation to reality, what I allow in my life. I feel raw and exposed, layers of ego and expectations stripped. My self and soul meeting again after a long time. I see in him what I forgot existed. He is kind and understanding, he lets the past slip away and seeks out each person just as they are. He won't be jaded by judgement or appearance. When I am around him I feel aglow. Our timing is always late, spliffs smoked outnumber hours spent. For how little we know each other, for how much that goes unsaid, there is a tangible energy when we are together. Now he's gone. We blessed each other with safe trails and without knowing when I'll see him next I kissed the wild and rugged man I had come to know. It's always a bittersweet goodbye, I miss him and I sure hope he misses me too.

#### Chickadee

Oh how I hurt. Isn't that how the story always goes. Nobody knows their true worth. Either they think they are too important or not worth a dime. Nay faith I say. Everyone has such an innate power, untapped and writhing to be free. Like a chickadee in spring, waiting, betting on the rising sun. "Look to the sky" they shout, and for some reason I had a feeling it was on fire. Indeed it was. Blazing with the heart of each living star. The universe's breath illuminated by the milky way. How icy it is, distant but ever present. Perhaps we take the simple beauty of our universe for granted. But I knew that.

# A Phoenix

Like a Phoenix we shall rise through embers dust and decay our spirits lit with the fire of new beginnings. No longer can this cycle continue. We must purify our bodies by releasing the past. It is scary. It is bold, but there is no continuing this shadow reality.

#### A Note to Those I Love

You forget how beautiful life is. And when you do remember, it is because something is taken away from you. Be it a friend, a lover, a home or even life itself. The sun shines for those who choose to bathe in it. The moon sings for those who are brave enough to listen. These times are challenging, the words of our leaders are not soft and thus our reality has been hardened. It is not our fault but our responsibility. "To see the world with your heart, that would be the bravest choice" I've said these words before, but it doesn't make it any easier. I've been heart broken many times and been taught to numb the pain with drugs, alcohol, sex and any other meaningless action I could think of. But now I see how much more pain that has caused. For myself, my family and friends. And I am sorry to all the people I have wronged. I was blind and careless,

but now I see, the only pastime worth a damn is loving, loving without the fear of being hurt. We are all students of the great divine, and with such knowledge we must be forgiving. So, forgive me, forgive anyone who has ever caused you pain, forgive yourself. Be kind to others, and be gentle on your own person. Let us see the world as we once did, as children. See the light, the song, the dance, the love, because it is oh so much better. And remember, I love you.