songwriter sanctuary
pride edition!
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Special thanks to Mariela aka Rachel Hall
(Raspberry mommy, Songwriter Sanctuary Treasurer & emcee)
Amazing artwork by the one and only Erin South

pre-show pantry jam artist

julian forest

@thejulianforest

7 days a week

julian forest

i don't have to be like you
Don't have to see the world the way you do
But I won't forget to treat you as my equal
Please remember baby we're just people
And you don't have to be like me
I would welcome you to disagree
Cause the news will cycle on
and we're still breathing
Here I am, despite the words that you believe in

Seven days a week
Oh seven days a week
I'm still me baby
I'm still me
That's how it's gonna be

I don't want to be like you
How redundant oh if there were two of us the same
What a shame
I wouldn't change a thing...

I want you to see all that we can be

your man
poison
night butterfly
freaky
eden
disco princess

@thesaintmisty

your man

I heard you got a boyfriend
What? Were you tired of holding my hand
underneath the table
Was it something I said or something you didn't?
But I still smell your shampoo, an island breeze
When I'm alone in my room

You said "you look like a man,
when you work with your hands"
Baby I'm better than that
I know that I'm strong enough
for a little tough love
But baby I wont be your man!
I won't be your man
You know what you want, you're too afraid to ask
I can't be your girl if you're looking for a man
I won't be your man

So you moved to Sacramento - and me?
I'm doing better than we all hoped
And I can't help I'm hung up on the fact
that you still wear the dress that you borrowed...

When your head hits the pillow
I'm the one you dream of
It gets harder and harder for you to keep up
You never seemed to mind
when you were the one touching me
Now you don't get to call
when you're feeling lonely...

poison

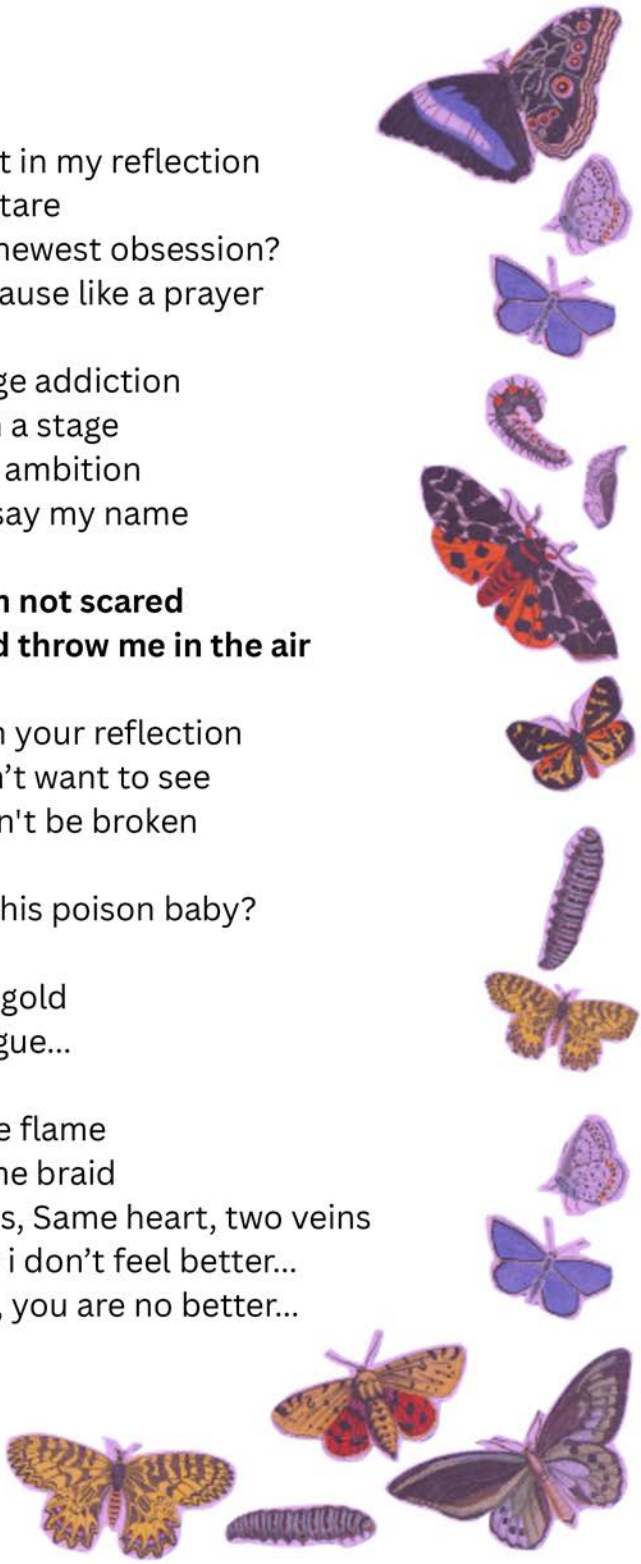
Something's different in my reflection
I notice the longer I stare
Have I become your newest obsession?
Hands together, applause like a prayer

Its become my strange addiction
I light up when i'm on a stage
You can question my ambition
I just love when you say my name

Breathe me in, Oh i'm not scared
Cut me into stars and throw me in the air

Something's wrong in your reflection
There's a girl you don't want to see
We have a tie that can't be broken
Is it lust or jealousy?
What did you put in this poison baby?
It tastes like love
You've got a heart of gold
And i got a silver tongue...

Sparks from the same flame
Strands from the same braid
Same heart, two veins, Same heart, two veins
I don't feel better, no i don't feel better...
You are no better, no, you are no better...



night butterfly

Water in my hands,
you're drawn to the shimmer
The more you grab
it slips through your fingers

You can try to catch a moonbeam
Try to control everything

Just hold me tight, open up the sky
And i'll be your night butterfly
Open up the sky
and i'll be your night butterfly

You love a mirage in the desert
You're chasing a dream
And the more i struggle,
the tighter you wind around me

You can try to catch a moonbeam
Try to control everything
But if nothing lasts, nothing matters
You can watch it drop, watch it shatter...

freaky

Put your suit on, or my dress
You look so good, like a hot mess

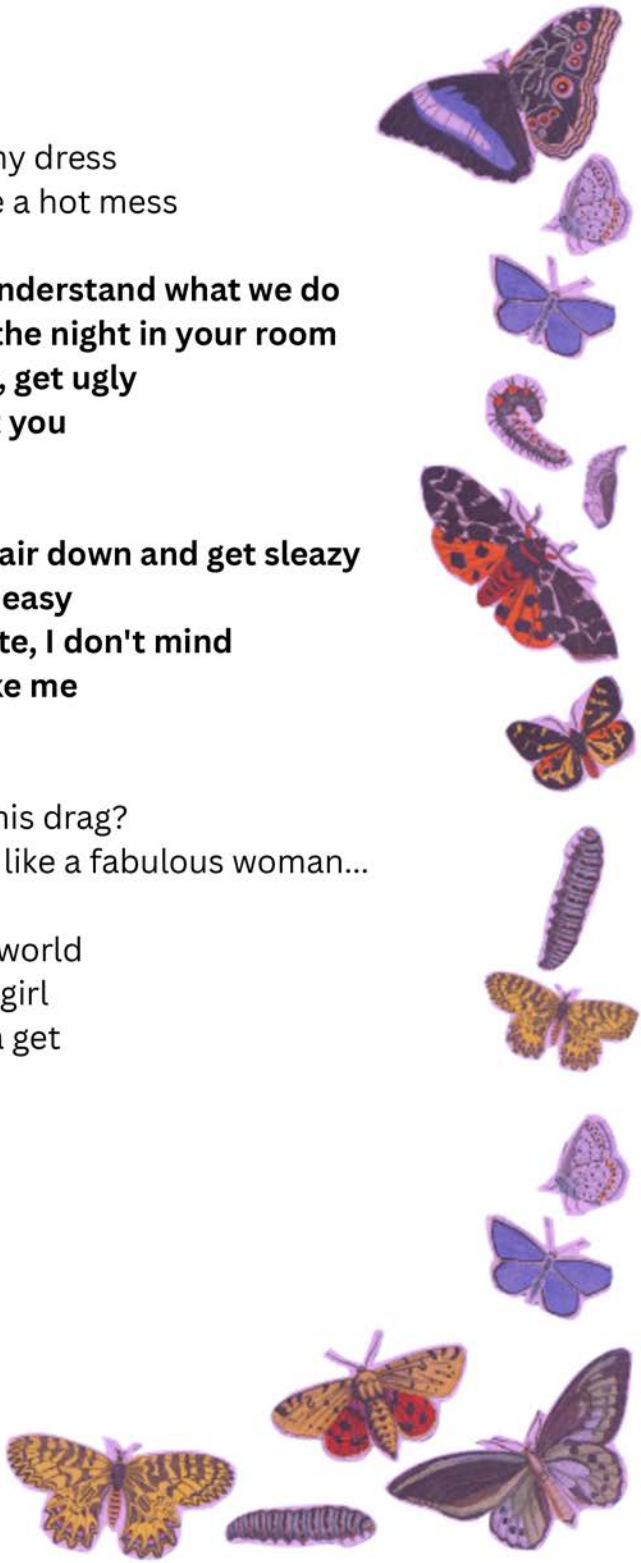
They don't have to understand what we do
I just want to spend the night in your room
Baby let your flag fly, get ugly
It's what i love about you
You're like me

So freaky! Let your hair down and get sleazy
Watch me now its so easy
I'm not shy, I wont bite, I don't mind
That you're freaky like me
So freaky like me

You want a taste of this drag?
You want to look just like a fabulous woman...

It can be a dark dark world
So just take it from a girl
Sometimes you gotta get

Freaky! Like me
So freaky like me



eden

Living in a suitcase
Lucky living on a dime
You landed on your face
They remind you of it all the time
You moved out of the city
But you still see the lights

They taught me how to love you
But now they're all acting surprised
So maybe I'm the fool
For thinking I could call you mine
It's like watching a lamb
in the slaughter house line

Eden - you break my heart almost everyday
It's not my fault i want to feel it all
it would only hurt me to stay
Eden - you break my heart almost everyday
It was beautiful and terrible
like a fire I cant contain

Now you got no savings,
you moved back in with your mom
Best friend had a baby,
and you're high at your hourly job
There's a glow in the hills,
looks like a ticking time bomb...

Sink your teeth in if that's what you're here for
Satisfy your hunger
if that's what im made for...

disco princess

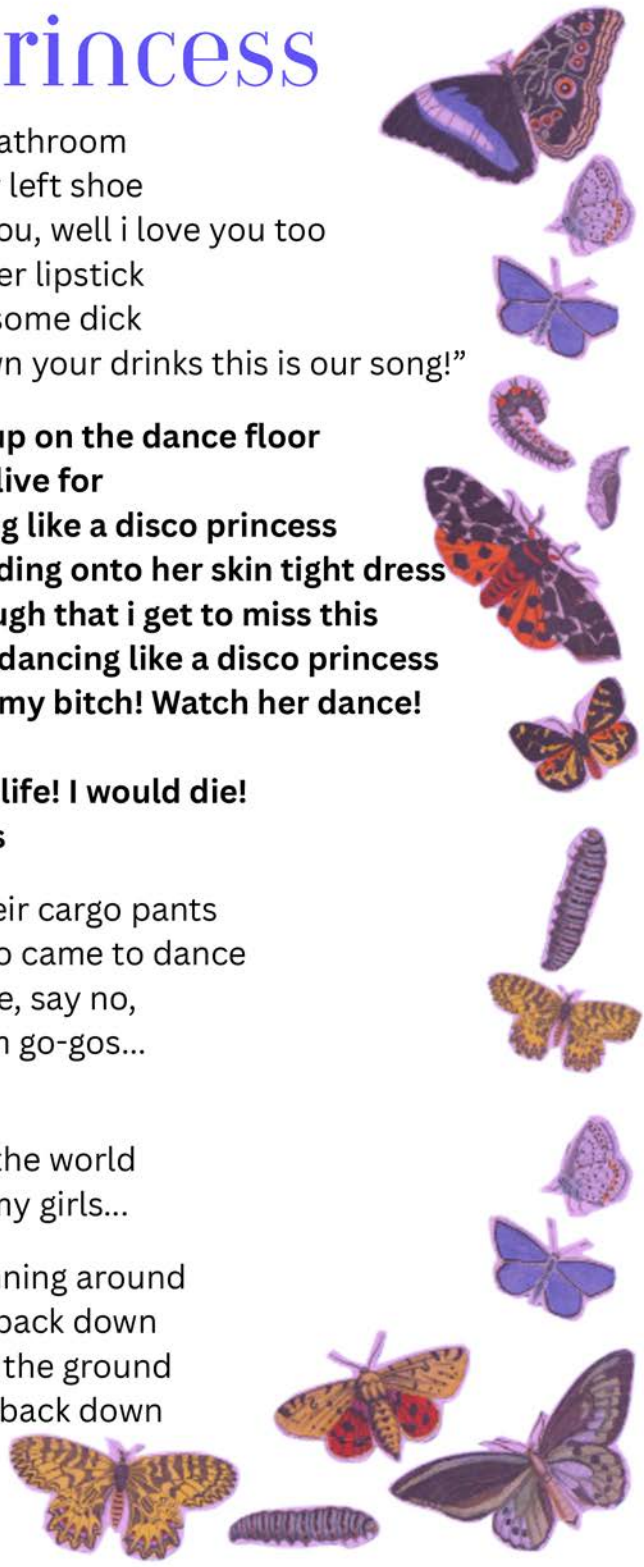
Bella's crying in the bathroom
Lindsey can't find her left shoe
Carly's saying i love you, well i love you too
Rachel's reapplying her lipstick
Katey's off yelling at some dick
Kat screams "put down your drinks this is our song!"

Now we're tearing it up on the dance floor
This is exactly what i live for
That's my girl, dancing like a disco princess
Holding onto me, holding onto her skin tight dress
I hope i live long enough that i get to miss this
Watching all my girls dancing like a disco princess
That's my girl! That's my bitch! Watch her dance!
Like a disco princess
That's the love of my life! I would die!
For my disco princess

Girls at the club in their cargo pants
Girls in mini skirts who came to dance
Girls who drink, smoke, say no,
walk home in platform go-gos...

I got my girls
Theres not a thing in the world
i wont do when i got my girls...

Spinning around, spinning around
I don't want to come back down
I never want to touch the ground
I never want to come back down



a few of my fav things

Mariela

Animal: Cats. Big cats. Small cats. ALL CATS!

Beverage: Thai iced tea with boba

Date Spot: Inside the bar bathroom jk - Sunset Cliffs

Queer Icon: ContraPoints (Natalie Wynn)

Podcast: A Bit Fruity or If Books Could Kill

Scent: Forest-scented candles from Imogen + Willie's in Nashville

Vacation Spot: Somewhere tropical with tiny umbrellas

Song You've Written: Therapist Said

Dream Co-Write: Jenny Lewis

Way to Relax: Spooning my cats

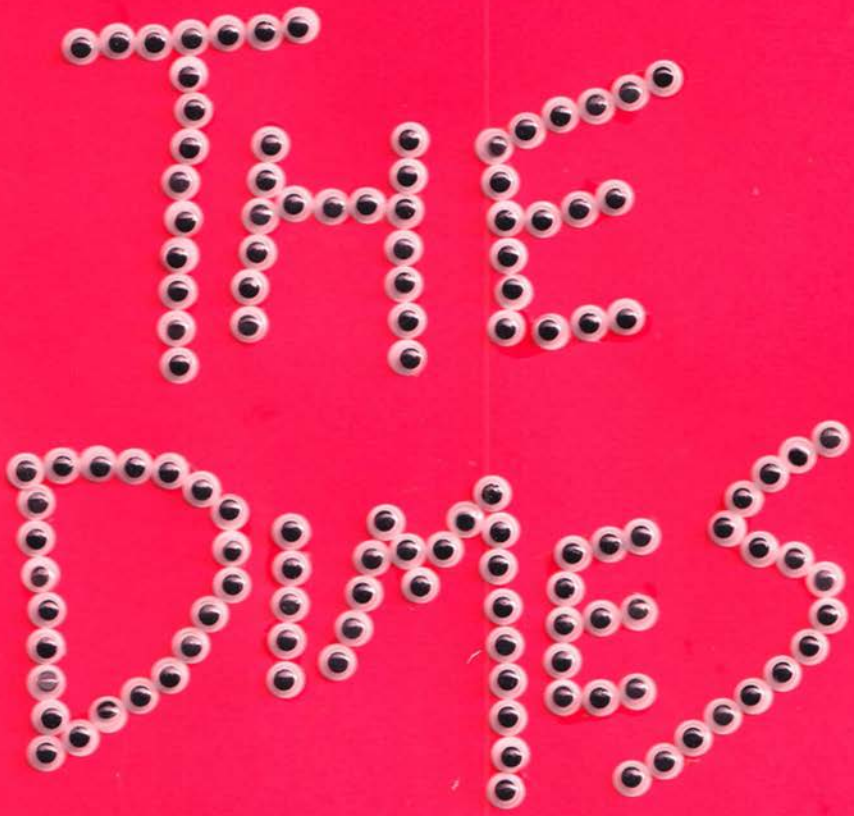
Karaoke Song: All These Things That I've Done - The Killers

Color: Blue

Holiday: Pride

Original Music Series: Songwriter Sanctuary

Artist Management: Raspberry



WORM

13 YEARS

SERIAL KILLER BOYFRIEND X FMK

MERMAIDS

BEARDED DRAGON

ADULT SCHOOL

@THEDIMESOFFICIAL

WORM

The worm, the dirt x24
This is a PSA for the U.S. government
You are now PROPERTY OF THE WORM!

We know what to do and they know what they're doing
From policing schools to water polluting
They love to talk problems, but never solutions
and over half the nation is somehow congruent
They never can admit just how badly they're hurting
They really do love therapy, if it's conversion
only in church, there's no limit on compersion
They don't give a fuck bout the children they're hurting

They're leaders, we're people, locked up and hardly fed
so walk out and clock out, and get your needs met
pretend they're listening long as you pay rent
What's yours is yours except who lays in your bed

You live vicariously through a clone of your choosing
Killing on behalf of "the good" is a good thing
to justify war is to make a profit
infinite stock rise, no reason to stop it

See a lot of people don't realize
There's a lot of similarities between
We The People and worms
I'll tell you about em

In one acre of land there can be
more than a million earth worms -
We have strength in numbers
If a worm's tail is cut off, it will grow back
So don't let them intimidate you
The forward part of a worm's body
has 5 pairs of hearts working together
So remember, your neighbor is not your enemy
Each worm has both male and female organs
Worms do not have eyes,
But they can sense light...

They don't care if you live or die
Everything has it's time
Dirt on your hands is better than blood
Turn the billionaires into mud...

The worm, the dirt x16

13 YEARS

One night I won't forget when we got blackout drunk
We linked arms in the ladies room
You confessed you'd totally fuck me
Two years as roommates
Till you moved in with your boyfriend
You gave me a juicer for Christmas
And then we never spoke again
You take pride in telling friends the honest truth,
well I'll tell you now, you're never honest with yourself

After all that time that we shared
I was there for you when you cried
Why you push away the ones that matter
All your selfish games
CH1 Took me for granted / CH2 Are not my problem

13 years of friendship
Just like that went down the drain
Jealousy's a bitch
Should've known you'd never change
Too long I've known you
better than anyone else
When you treated me like shit
You only care about yourself
All the world revolves around you and your issues
I'm not in your orbit now don't care about your news
You resented me for being happy and carefree
And you couldn't handle when I finally set
some fucking boundaries
I never grew my hair long
Cause that was always your thing
Now I feel it flowing down my back
Guess what it feels like me...

SERIAL KILLER BOYFRIEND X FMK

My serial killer boyfriend
But we're not that serious
I think to myself that it's good then
Not really sure if I should trust him
The way you call me baby
Raises the hairs along my spine
And when your mouth's close to mine
I see no light behind those eyes

You casually mention you'd hunt again
I think that maybe we should just be friends
Even though you can't stay out of my DMs
I don't wanna end up on a milk carton

He's charming, he's suave, good at flirting, got a job,
Oh my!
I think he's the one
He touches your hand with a romantic command,
but his skin Cools - You - To - The - Core

All they want is a savior (Perfect Behavior)
There's no division of the (Domestic Labor)
And all the history that they (They Convolute)
Get fucked, then married to the (Ones Killing You)

MERMAIDS

Fuck working late, I want to play
MERMAIDS - Let's go play mermaids
Fuck crafting diplomatic texts
And fuck venmo stalking your idiot ex
MERMAIDS - Let's go play mermaids

Regress regress - Fuck doing your best
I'm gonna scream it from my chest
Regress regress - Fuck doing your best
I'm gonna scream it from my chest
Fuck working late
I want to play
MERMAIDS - Let's go play mermaids

Fuck working late I want to play
MERMAIDS - Let's go play mermaids
Fuck that guy with no bed frame
And fuck hearing that he already came
MERMAIDS - Let's go play mermaids...

improvised ranting

I, I'm gonna lose
my mind
I, I'm gonna lose
my motherfucking
mind...
I'M. GONNA.
LOSE. MY

BEARDED DRAGON

I come to the show, I'm in the crowd,
I'm on a shoulder now...

I, I, I, I, I, I, I Gotta bearded dragon, dragon
I, I, I, I Gotta bearded dragon, dragon

All the boys wanna take me to the coffee shop
He's on his phone,
now he's laughing at some AI slop (AI SLOP!)
Take me home, now he wants
to show me all his records
Doesn't know there's a reptile I want better...

Bearded Dragon Interview:
So Mr. Bearded Dragon,
What's your favorite part of
coming to a Dimes show?
Well, I like to be outside
Listen to kick ass music
And hang out with all my friends
Well Mr. Bearded Dragon,
Do you have a favorite part about today?
Well yes, I like to sing
And feel the sun on my
Cold, Cold, Skin...

Round:
I come to the show, I'm in the crowd,
I'm on a shoulder now (I am on your shoulder)

ADULT SCHOOL

My Bluetooth speaker would still
recognize you but not you me
Now I'm just another girl in a corduroy sweater
The 2D image you definitely think I'd be by now
Sometimes I listen to the song
the other ex wrote about me
and come up from my body in the air
Being looked at feels so strange
Guess I gotta write a song about it!

Yippee!

I go to work
Take typing tests to feel something
Come home to my cat
Or my dog let's get these tails thumping - WOOF!
I'm scared of contacts
I prefer my slowly blurring vision
Don't really wanna know what you think about that
I got glasses now so I see your patterns
And you're not getting me back - NO! NO! NO!...

Now girls, i got someone watching me
From the mirror like all the time
Go for a walk and join up with Snail City
Cause mollusks don't care if you're classically pretty
I'll build a strategically endangered bat house
In the dirt patch in your backyard
I'll burn down the walls of the adult school
Take down the President of the HOA! - Hard!

HATCHET

CANDY

LIMERENT

WISH YOU WERE MINE

SHE & I

SOMEONE ELSE

@DADDY.THEBAND

HATCHET

Dragged to a black-tie occasion
Open secret in a brown bag
in the glove compartment
Unchecked division but she's asymptomatic
She'll brush it off just like
the ashy end of her little bad habit

I've got the mercy of a
I've got the mercy of a
I've got the mercy of a saint
But somethings gotta cut you down
Somethings gotta cut you down
Somethings gotta cut you down

Chest to my knees
To keep me smiling with my teeth
The dark divide
The Manchineel, the apple of his eye

The picture never matches the foley
My butane daydream where I drop the clipper,
walk away slowly
You had to hurt me cause you couldn't control me
I am the emblem & the thorn in the folding

CANDY

Wanna know
Are there others just like me?
In the pocket of your jeans
With the quarters and the lint rolls
When it's cold, baby that's where your hands go

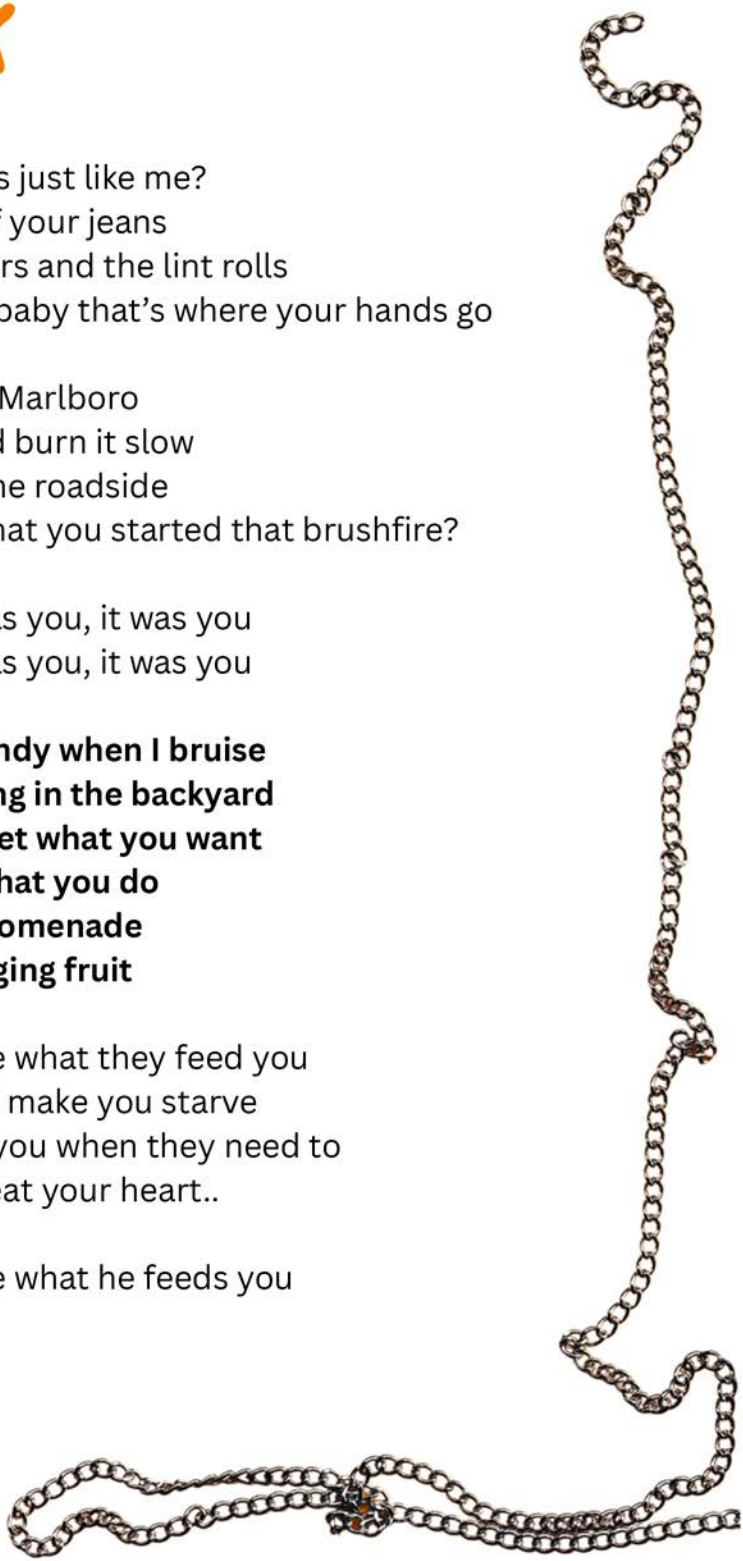
I could be your Marlboro
Light me up and burn it slow
'Til I'm out on the roadside
Did you know that you started that brushfire?

It was you, it was you, it was you
It was you, it was you, it was you

I'm sweet as candy when I bruise
I'm decomposing in the backyard
Watching you get what you want
While you do what you do
Such a quick promenade
Such a low hanging fruit

Baby, don't take what they feed you
'Cause they will make you starve
They only love you when they need to
They're gonna eat your heart..

Baby, don't take what he feeds you



LIMERENT

Let's get this over with, I'll race you to the bottom
Tripwire on my lips, A half inch in the bottle

Anxious attachment
Untainted strangers turned to limerent objects
Posing imminent dangers

There must be something
Laced into the way you say my name

You know where to find me if you want me
You know where to find me if you want me
I get carried away, I knew that I would
Down this quick metallic river
running to your neighborhood

It starts to feels just like I've lost you
in a seventh sense
Only ever fall in love in the future tense
And when the conversation stops
I know where I can always get my fix
Just to do it all again...

Breathe in, feel it out
Do you still have someone there to hold you down?

Reach, Reach, Reach, Reach, Reach Out

You know where to find me if you want me...

Oh, I'm in oxytocin summer haze
Sweet asphyxiation, baby take my breath away

WISH YOU WERE MINE

Precious new commodity, Means to empty ends
The empty walls in your apartment
taking space inside my head

And the gold frame around the picture
That you keep beside the bed
You try to recreate the angles
Put the pieces where she left them, baby

Sun comes up and it comes back down
Friends come home and fly back out of town
And the feeling always sticks around
I wish you were mine, I wish you were mine, I wish you were mine, Mine

There's something hanging from the mirror
And it's hypnotizing me
It pulls my focus to the center,
where your eyes are set on me
And I could write a dissertation in the spaces in between each dry exchange of information, baby, I just wanna scream...

And I imagine what I don't know
And the stories you tell when you're not at home
Now I'm so high and I'm so alone
And I can't change the way that you feel
No I can't change the way that you feel
It all feels...oh I...
I wish you were mine, I wish you were mine,
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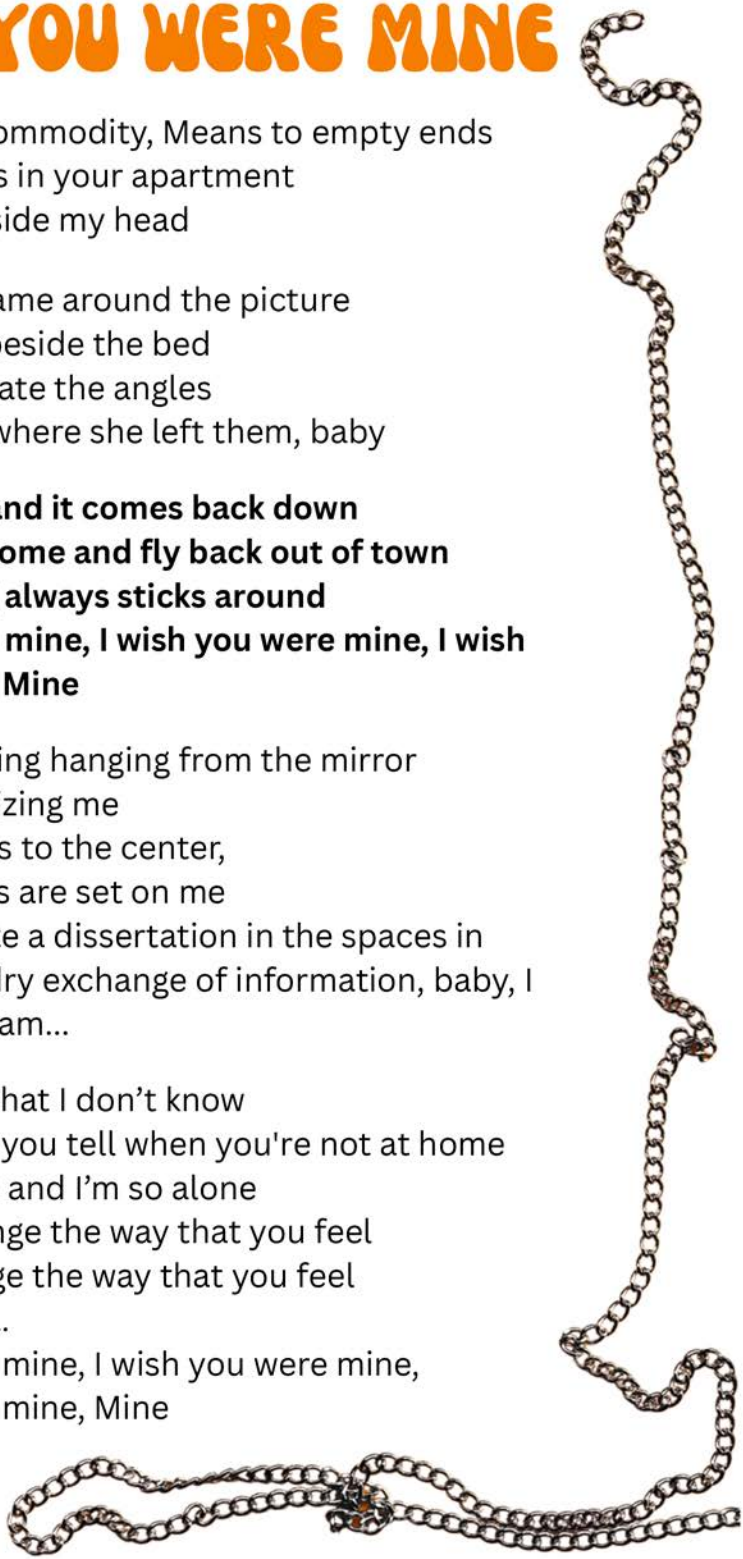


SHE & I

I've been working in the garden
Pulling weeds and drinking pesticides
I roll the big rock up the mountain
I let the little things slide

She and I, we've got the same face
She and I, we're not so different after all
She and I, we run the same race
She and I don't really talk

But she'll be there next time I need her
She'll put pressure on the wound
She pulls the tourniquet tighter
Gotta make it last until the next blue moon

The august skies, as clear as ever
I get so lonely on the drive
And I know, I know, I know you didn't mean to hurt me
I miss the way you used to try...

It's just a number
It's just a day
It's only letters,
it's only my name
Did you almost seem
to get it?
Did you let it slip
your mind?
Right there on the tip of your tongue,
that's where you'll find me

SOMEONE ELSE

I've got a problem with my baby
He doesn't come for me much lately
He doesn't love me, doesn't hate me
And it takes me for a spin
I think I might be getting sick of it

I'm sleeping on the edge of the bed,
I just wanna figure this out
It's getting in my head like a wedge, I just wanna figure it out

If I could see myself through anybody's eyes but mine
If I could fall asleep without the TV on this time

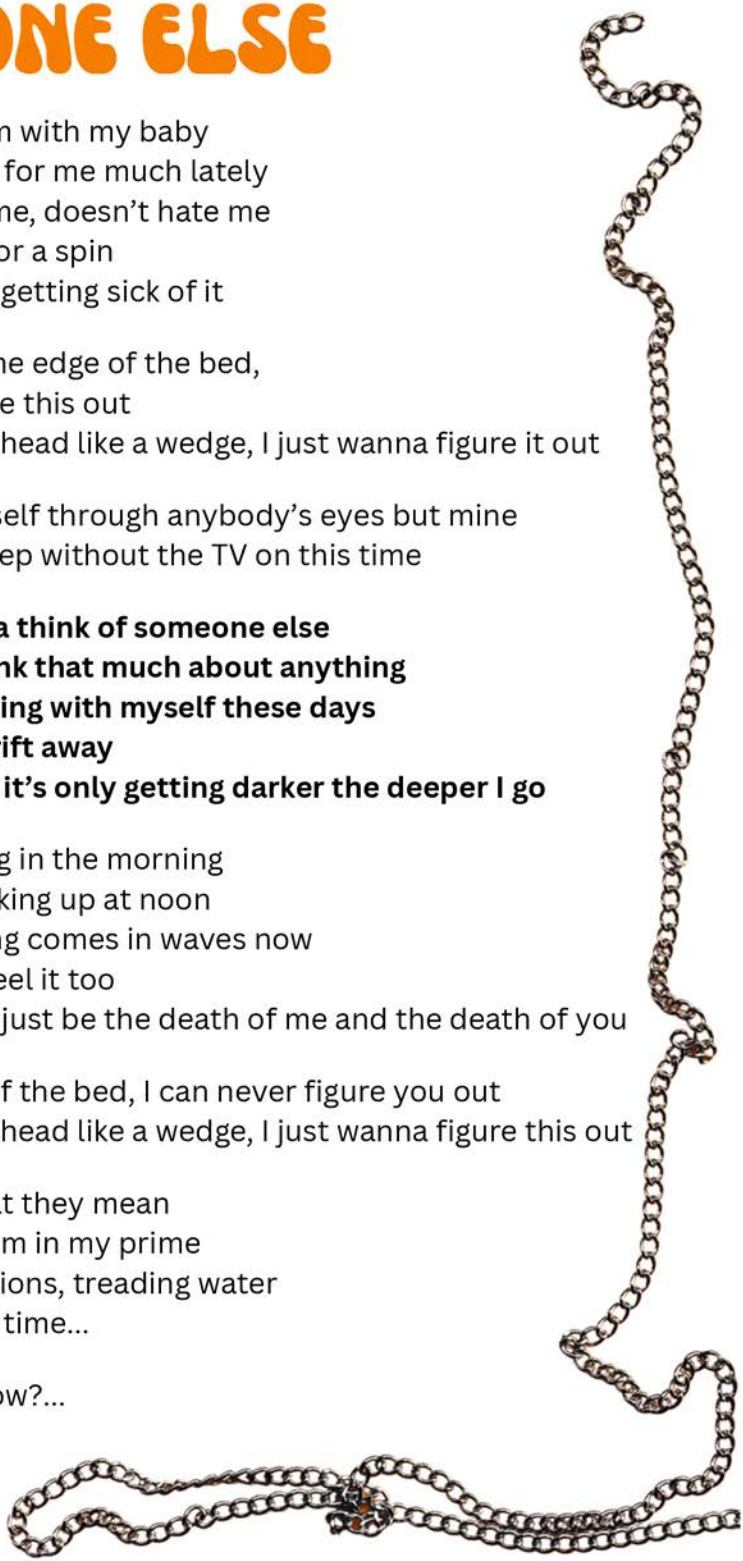
But I don't wanna think of someone else
Lately I don't think that much about anything
I'm not even fooling with myself these days
And I'm gonna drift away
You know, Cause it's only getting darker the deeper I go

I'm always leaving in the morning
You're always waking up at noon
That lonely feeling comes in waves now
And I know you feel it too
I think this might just be the death of me and the death of you

I'm on the edge of the bed, I can never figure you out
It's getting in my head like a wedge, I just wanna figure this out

This can't be what they mean
when they say I am in my prime
Empty conversations, treading water
Lost my sense of time...

Can you feel it now?...



join us at pride!

JUL 17
Songwriter Sanctuary to be honored with Larry T. Baza Arts & Culture Award at SD Pride's Spirit of Stonewall Rally. **(sdpride.org)**

JUL 18
Marching in the Pride Parade! **(sdpride.org)**
Mariela on Stonewall Stage! **1pm**

etc. etc. etc.

JUL 31 Next Songwriter Sanctuary Show
Songwriter Sanctuary Disability Pride Edition

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