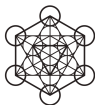


# WHAT MY HAIR SAYS ABOUT YOU

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## what my hair says about you

when a field of you  
is ripe in me  
i am dead to you  
sometimes i'm just  
walking  
& i fall  
i don't even wear tall shoes  
inexplicable hair · · \* · \*  
i gave up something for you  
& i'm not sure  
what it was

## hello i'm bad

i need a man for every mood  
i'd like to dream in death  
i like you  
& i like to defy your sweetness  
with the pomp of a big  
fat  
secret  
can i give you this  
laurel wreath  
wove together by  
another man  
i want to do evil things  
while i'm inside you  
i only believe in this one  
pit hardening  
in my stomach

& the face  
that i am sucking on  
that it is not your face  
hello i'm bad

## mindpower

today you are mean to me  
& i'm only happy when  
i'm tossing you  
into a dumpster  
right now i'm tossing you into a dumpster  
with the power of my mind  
next i'm forgiving you  
like a cat  
forgiving another cat  
now i have cats in my poems  
& it's all over  
now i'm tossing you into a dumpster

## zen

i'm writing in synthetic light  
what it feels like  
is days  
coming between us  
i mean i haven't seen the sun  
in days  
& i'm sleeping  
like i'm already dead  
which seems like too literal a way  
to have interpreted the koan  
saved to my desktop  
i both think i'm going to die  
& don't  
give  
a fuck  
which doesn't feel at all  
the way you'd think of as zen



## **you tell me i sound weird**

you tell me i sound 'weird'  
& that 'maybe' i should  
'talk to someone'  
i try to imagine which  
of the latest series of  
traumatic events has  
affected my speech patterns  
you say i'm being dramatic  
& i complain too much  
& idk what 'real poverty' is  
i say i'm clinically depressed  
& that there's only  
one thing keeping me alive  
but i can't remember what  
we can't figure  
who's right & who

should be loved more  
sometimes i'm aware you're  
more upset than me  
you say you literally  
just punched your phone  
i think it's funny  
sometimes i can't tell who's  
more upset  
sometimes it's me