

## Untitled

A distilled emptiness is seeping through my skin like India ink bleeds onto copy paper And I'm lost-A lonely thespian sitting in the seats of an unknown theatre And I'm lost-Dancing empty dances and singing meaningless nothings And I'm lost-In my own self Until I see green eyes with the life sucked away Leaving nothing but beautiful emeralds that no one seems to value I have seen lips that have been poisoned by his lips and His mistake And ones I'd love nothing more than to taste and poison my own Leaving them raw and smothered in Lolita and tragedy And I'm lost-In my heart She cracked my ribs open and left me vulnerable to new thrills and godawful dilemmas And I'm so lost-In lust and in love and in the desire to disappear So I'll clean my wounds and drown my heart with whiskey And avoid feeling anything more than lost

Jack McGraw





## Lies of the Crown

Adorn your Prom King With a crown of thorns, And give his lover one to match, So that when they kiss The only thing they taste Is each other's blood.

Give your Prom Queen A box of tissues, To keep her the tears From melting her false face When she discovers that She's been loving him And he's been loving Thy neighbor A little too much.

But how can she blame him --That's the worst part --For loving the boy with Bedroom blue eyes And pullable, playable hair.

Matthew VanAlstyne

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Aligned with the striker, The match head was a ruby, Poised to burst forth into flames Which bore likeness to the fulsome sun.

Now peeking through the gnarled branches Of the weatherworn trees, That glowing orb filled the sky with streaks of white Which pierced the lustful pinks Like a rag wiping away lipstick stains From the rim of a wine glass.

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Almost succumbing to the unrelenting magnetism of the ground, My cigarette dangled from my lips in an embrace Almost carnal in nature, Only distinguishable by the glowing cherry which marked its end.

Lingering vapors escaped my lungs In ribbons of a hue That bore resemblance to the clouds which roamed the night sky, Occasionally obscuring the face Of the man in the moon.

Anonymous