

Random Thoughts

I never like to cry
in front of anyone,
and today I feel like my life is
incomplete,
and for some reason
I can't wait to
move on,
but my mom says
it doesn't get any
better with age,
then this year I
had another birthday
so my sister tells me
I am old,
and at times
I don't know what I feel,
and once at my Grandpa's funeral
my aunt said
I was becoming,
which made me feel
like laughing
because I've never
heard anyone use that word before,
or had a family member say
I was attractive,
which surprised me,
because I can't really see it,
especially since
all of last year
I hated everything
about me,
and I just wanted
to disappear,
but I took the summer off
to get away
from people and things,
so I tried to better myself,
and now, sometimes
when I look in the mirror
I find my lips have
a pretty shape

"Clearance Find"

He sidled up next to me
 With his battered blues
 (I could say jeans...
 they were ratted, tatted too)
 But I speak of his eyes
 (Those beautiful blue eyes-
 broken, saddened)
 He told me I make him smile.

He held my hand
 Small, smooth fingers laced
 In his-large and rough
 (The ones I loved to feel
 brush against my skin)
 Then he'd bring my hand to his chest
 (Pledge of allegiance style)
 Pledge, "My heart is yours."

He played footsie with my sandaled feet
 (My toenails painted brightly to match the
 light in my eyes, the spark in my life)
 He in those "great find" shoes
 (You know...
 the clearance kind)
 The ones you buy just because they are your size
 And I can't help but think that I am a
 Clearance find
 (Perfect fit for now,
 'til the next sale comes along)

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