

“SHAMEFUL”

That was your reason for leaving  
It was your excuse for not loving  
Because you couldn't find a better one  
Than that we were just not born to be

“I LOVE YOU”

I cannot remember the last time you said that  
Was it a day, a week, a month, a year?  
Every night I shut my eyes and will myself not to cry  
And hold on to the fading memories of the times you did tell me so

“I LOVE YOU TOO”

I told you this every time we met  
When I cling onto you and pray you wouldn't leave  
Just like you did with the others before me  
I pray you would stay with me

“I'M SORRY”

You never apologised to me  
For all the times you made me wait  
Knowing I wouldn't leave until you came  
But lately I've been waiting all alone without you to stop me

“TRUST ME”

I believed you could make it happen  
That this dysfunctional relationship between us could last  
You cleared my hesitation with the tenderest of touches  
And made me believe I had done the right thing

“YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL”

You've already said this to many others  
Yet I thought I could be the special last one you said it to  
That there would be no one else after me  
But nothing I yearn for ever comes true

“SEE YOU TONIGHT”

I spied you chatting with a lady that day  
One with a body to die for – much more attractive than I  
Your hand was on her hip and her hand on your chest  
I look at myself and I turn away for I am nothing like her

“THANK YOU”

After every failed relationship I see you outside my door  
With your bags strewn all over the outside floor  
I open my door to let you in – I know you can't be alone when you're like that  
And you give me a grateful smile – the very same that made me fall for you

“CONFESS”

I confronted you after I had enough  
Fingers crossed behind my back in vain hope that you would deny  
Deny with insistence that which I would accuse you of  
Vehemently, I desire you to be true

“I CAN'T”

Do you say this to every person you leave?  
Every person that you made believe you and them could be  
Did they get those words from you too?  
In the exact same way you failed me?

### “QUEER”

I thought I must have been special enough for you  
But obviously what the world thinks matters more to you than I  
I came to realise this the day you asked me a favour  
The favour that killed me inside

### “YES”

I cannot deny you more than you can deny me  
But I haven't made any heavy requests of you  
Not like the weight of the question you posed me  
When you asked me to be your best man

### “IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT”

No, it's not my fault  
It's not my fault I failed to capture you  
It's not my fault I failed to make you understand  
It's definitely not my fault I am a man

### “I DO”

I stood there as you said your vows  
It was not the first time I witnessed you exchange rings  
It was not the first time I saw you all suited up for someone else  
But somehow, nothing really registers anymore

### “WE WERE FRIENDS”

That was how I started my speech on your special day  
I commemorated our past together – the friendship we shared  
I noticed how a guilty smile never crossed your face  
When I clearly stated that our friendship was a thing of the past

### “I TOAST TO THE NEWLYWEDS”

I think it is ironic how many weddings of yours I've been to  
While you have never been to one of mine – I've never had one  
There was a time when I dreamt that we could hold ours together  
You by me, and I by you, our rings of matching gold

### “OVERDOSE”

The doctors proclaimed that I abused drugs – anti-depressants  
I told them I didn't want to ruin your special day  
By giving in and collapsing at the altar from days of insomnia  
So I tried to make myself happy for you – but it wasn't enough, apparently

### “HEARTLESS”

I find myself surprised to be defended by them  
They weren't as close to me as you were – they were merely friends  
But as I tried to stay aware I noticed them glare at you  
My mouth not moving despite my want to defend you

### “LET'S GO”

She nudged you as you looked blankly at me  
Urging you to walk away from the spectacle I created  
Half-soaked in my own vomit as I mouthed to you  
To go with her and leave me be

### “TAKE CARE”

You whispered to me something while I was unconscious  
Stuck somewhere between life and death – hooked onto something, most likely  
In my haze I felt a sudden sense of loss, a sudden hollowness  
Asking me if I felt as if someone had given up on me

### “RECOVERY”

I have known loneliness all my life until I met you  
It is something I don't want to go back to  
But your absence in light of my sterile hospital confinement  
Had me back in it before I could stop myself from regressing

### “HELLO”

You didn't deign me with a greeting when I next saw you  
Bags all around you while you stood outside my door  
Your eyes guilty but unrepentant, insistent in your stand  
While your marriage failed like the others before

### “SAY SOMETHING”

I wonder why I'm not sick of you yet  
The way you act like you've done nothing wrong  
That how I've been suddenly abandoned was a course of nature  
And that I can actually find words to express myself to you

### “...”

I didn't say anything as I let you in  
I opened the door to my home for you – wearing my heart on my sleeve  
I know like every other time that you cannot be alone right now  
And you give me a smile that now brings me as much sorrow as delight

### “I'M HOME”

I hear you say as you step through the door after work  
Words quietly whispered as if ashamed to say them  
And you should rightfully be, after choosing to leave me  
Then coming back again when you have nowhere else to go

“WELCOME HOME”

I don't know why I accept you back over and over again  
When all I want is your permanent presence, not your unfaithful one

IT SEEMS I WILL NEVER LEARN TO STOP LOVING YOU

From the very day you made me fall in love with you  
On that day you started a new chapter of my life  
And also wrote the beginning of its closure

FOR AFTER YOU THERE WILL BE NO ONE ELSE

Unlike you who would find someone after me  
And I will see you through many more failed marriages  
Tiding you over them while I try not to fall apart

YOU NEED ME IN A WAY YOU HAVE YET TO REALISE

And I have known all along that I need you more than anything  
When you opened my eyes to the possibilities of "us"  
You opened my heart to the possibilities of hurt

THINGS COULD HAVE BEEN BETWEEN US

We could have succeeded if you hadn't given up  
At least, that is what I would have liked to believe  
Because I want to hold onto the hope that happiness has not given me up

OVER AND OVER AGAIN I WILL COMFORT YOU

While you try to save me from something you did to me  
I will succeed more often than you  
Simply because you don't know what you're doing

AND I WILL BE THERE FOR YOU

Because I love you and I need you  
But while your fading presences may sustain me  
I will never be alive again

UNTIL THE TIME YOU REALISE WHAT I HAVE

I will continue to be everything I can to you  
But we cannot be friends again  
It is too late for that