

**Fate**

you have clouded my perspective

this is why my mind begins to race  
just as the sun sets beneath the fog

but i soon slow my pace  
so my thoughts may wander  
across the stars until the  
moon tells me i must rest

why are you still  
sprinting at this hour

i ask each night  
until i understand

your mind will never  
finish its race  
because you cannot  
outrun fate

**The Letters She Sends Home**

i trace my fingers over  
your handwriting as i  
study the message

replicating the smooth  
curves you construct  
in each letter

but my focus is  
blurred as my tears  
drip onto the thin paper

when you tell me that  
you cannot wait to hear  
my voice next week

then you ask me if i  
could ever forgive you  
once you return home

yes  
always yes

**Amber Eyes**

her amber eyes  
dart to the fallen water  
glass as it shatters

an honest mistake

but now the spilled liquid  
is surging toward her

it crawls up her veins and  
drips into her brain until  
her thoughts are flooded with  
reminders of him

she remembers how the blood  
oozed from her fingertips as she  
gathered each shard of the  
liquor bottle he dropped to the floor

her lips trembling as he  
stumbled through the doorway with  
his next drink in hand

but the memories drain  
away as her frantic stare meets  
my reassuring eye

i walk to her now  
pausing as i capture a glimpse of my  
reflection in the hallway mirror

an innocent oversight

but now my thoughts  
are spiraling into chaos

they outline his frame and  
paint his manic expression until  
my mind has illustrated  
his figure complete against my own

i remember how the blood  
trickled from between my thighs as he  
left me spread across the table  
satisfied with himself

i am frozen as my  
body is forced to become  
one with his

but my sketch is erased as  
she cups my face in  
her delicate hands  
comforting me with the gaze of  
her amber eyes