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A FREE SAMPLER

LOVE, IN FIVE MOVEMENTS

selected poems from

'LOVE FEELS SOUNDS'

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HOW LOVE GOES

this is a love story, told the way love actually happens — in pieces.

it begins with a glance. it falls, and it wants. it breaks, and it learns to breathe again. and then — slowly, bravely — it heals, and dares to love one more time.

the seven poems gathered here follow that arc, one from each movement of the book. the whole story is waiting in "Love Feels Sounds."

BEGINNING · FALLING · DESIRE
HEARTBREAK · HEALING · LOVING
THE LOVE THAT HEALED

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BEGINNING: WONDER

its the littlest moments that bring me back to life
like the way your fingertips trace my skin
the smoothest ripple of a calm wave
or waking to the warmth of you pulling me in
when i didnt realize my body had gone cold in the night
the gentle patience in your eyes, slightly amused, at everything i say
you watch me
and i feel wanted
you listen
and i dont feel the need to explain
you wait
without expectation
there is no “have to” around you
there is only this moment
and maybe another
if it happens
you say its cute
and, happily, i burn in embarrassment
this is a different way to be
unfamiliar
but not uncomfortable

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BEGINNING: WONDER

uncertain
and somehow safe
ocean eyes
calloused hands
hard not to fall for kindness like that

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FALLING: GLANCES

your pain is beautiful to me
let me hold what slips thru your fingers
share every detail and feel its freeing
and when the weight of it all becomes too much
let me carry what you cannot
let me hold your tears in my heart
i will contain your pain
i will lighten your load
i will stand beside you
and fight every demon
and i will bear those wounds too
and when my own weight presses into my lungs
and cuts off all i need to go on
when the black at the edges of my eyes closes in
bring me back
lift me up
breathe that same life into me
let me cling to you as the current pulls me under
until i can stand on my own
and hold you up again too
because one soul was not meant to stand alone

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FALLING: GLANCES

it was built with gaps
space that can only be filled by the love of others
and together we become stronger
and together we become whole

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DESIRE: BREATHLESS

please ask

please ask me so i can tell you

youre all i think about

youre all i want

and this “playing cool” is killing me

i want all of you

all of the time

i want to give you everything i have

and everything i am

please just ask, so i finally can

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HEARTBREAK: DISTANCE

if youre still awake
send me kisses
for each night that you miss us
send me love notes
for every time we fought cutthroat
give me something
that tells me you want me
and babe dont leave
without one last lay with me
if youre still awake
why didnt you bother to stay
why did you take your love away
if you knew that someday, someday
youd miss me
if youre still awake
ask me to come over
ask me to be your lover
tell me under your covers
that you need me
dont want to see me
with anyone but you

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HEARTBREAK: DISTANCE

if youre still awake
dont let me leave your bed
until everythings been said
and even then
hold me close to you
like your not scared
of how much im loving you
lets make this time take
if youre still awake

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HEALING: GRACE

this man has magic in him
breathe it on my skin
spill it inside of me
run your hands all over my body
the colors dancing where youve been
this man has magic in him
expansive
romantic
distracting
impacting
this man has magic in him
dopamine rush with every touch
hold me until its too much
let me relax, contract, demand
collapse in ecstasy
with the magic you pour into me
a lifetime of waiting
to find what we have
the magic in him
physical
mystical

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HEALING: GRACE

soul deep
timeless love

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LOVING AGAIN: BELONGING

you got down on one knee
with a light up duck ring
and though it was meant to be funny
it was the best thing id ever seen
you asked me if id party with you
for the rest of our lives
i said yes and quack quack
among those dark parking lot vibes
and in the early morning moonlight
with the after party in full swing
to the other ones concert tunes
we were drunk on happy dreams
and high on chocolate mushrooms
and one day i hope you ask me again
because i want this forever
you, me, and this perfect feeling

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THE LOVE THAT HEALED: FOREVER

i want the day to day

i want the adventure

i want the night time volume

i want the quiet stares

i want it all with you

cooking each other eggs

dipping me in the kitchen

folding your laundry

shark diving

beaches

hikes

naps

a thousand things on our shared list

i want to do for you the way you do for me

and love you endlessly

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THE WHOLE STORY

these seven poems are only stops along the way. “Love Feels Sounds” holds the whole journey — ten movements of poems, from the first glance to the love that healed. if these pages found you, the book was written for you.

'LOVE FEELS SOUNDS'

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