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The Narrative

I'll Be the Unwritten Books. Selected poems



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This book is drawn from the author's own journal. It reflects her experience and her recollection of it. Many passages and all identifying details of other people have been left out.

Written in June and July 2026 and first posted in public, a few lines at a time. The passages appear in the order they were written. Nothing has been rewritten; typing errors were corrected. A short black bar marks a place where something was left out. Pieces written in Arabic are not included.

This book touches on grief, loneliness and mental illness. Please read with care.

A free sampler. The full collection is Keep Me Here.

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I was quiet for three decades
I talked for three months
You don't get to be mad about that

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Opening Statement

I'll be the unwritten books
The unheard of symphonies

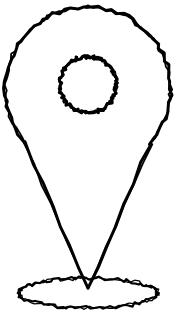


EXHIBIT A

Selected Poems

FILED 3 JUNE

Where did you disappear, my love?
I thought you were okay
I thought you were feeding the doves
Why did you go away?
They flew away so far above
Your body, down there laid

Under the shade of trees you loved
I hope it was delightful
I hope the road was full of lights
I hope you were insightful
That you'll be missed
That you were loved
And I am very thankful
Having a soul as kind as you
To counter all that's awful

You slipped away too soon, my dear
Or maybe just in time
To see you weak, I could not bear
To have you gone, the sharpest spear
into my heart and many more
But that is life, I fear

Under the shade of trees you loved
I hope it was delightful
I hope the road was full of lights
I hope you were insightful
That you'll be missed
That you were loved
And I am very certain
that to me, you'll always be
My guardian, my angel

Yes you are dead and you are gone
Or so that's what they say
But who you were and what you did
For me will always stay

Under the shade of trees you loved
I hope it was delightful
I hope the road was full of lights
I hope you were insightful
That you'll be missed
That you were loved
And I am very certain
that to me, you'll always be
My guardian, my angel

FILED 3 JULY

You got too heavy, I had to cut off the rope to keep on floating in my hot air balloon.

Tiptoe
Stay with me now
Jumping from one rock to the other
Tiptoeing
In a shallow, no, deep river
Or it might have been a stream
Green frogs floating on lily pads
And poets drowning down and down
Attached
Brown rope and heavy rocks

Diving
Dive off the deep end
Eyes closed and arms upturned
Heart open
Mind open
No bullet hole
Light airway

[redacted]

Curiousity
End of the line
Scroll further
Nothing curiously fulfilling
Bored Cricket
Awfully and endlessly bored
Boringly unentertainable
Maddening silence
Solitary breath
Crickets

Loud silence

Say less and less until you say nothing. Demand understanding but withhold explanation. Those who know will know. Those who don't, well, they don't.

FILED 4 JULY

A clown with many faces

Hello again
Good morning
Let us begin
With a warning
That this is just a phase

Don't be distressed, It's fine
You'll get a new obsession
Don't overstep the line
You should've learned your lesson
It's just another craze

Let's clap for the clown
The one with many faces
He wouldn't let you down
Except when he is faceless
No not even a frown
So when he shows his new visage
Be the judge
You'll stand in awe and be amazed
And clap for the clown
For he has many faces

FILED 4 JULY

Diamond favors
Vulnerable and exposed
Pain is very seldom owed
To such an angry crowd
But time from you is borrowed
And paid again in favors
That diamond making pressure
Again, you're on the road

Axolotl
No metamorphosis
Well done creature
Exotic, exoskeletonless
Exclusively interior

Black Cat
Unlimited void, evil droid
Blackhole where all the lights go to die
Infinity in a feline
And boundlessness in the blink of an eye

Meaning
Don't try to understand
It complicates it more
For something not so grand
Meaning, you will restore
Evading, rightful hand
Will lock you out the door
And keep you there, unbanned
But surely, wanting more

Can your precious AI do this?
Can it feel? Can it heal?

FILED 6 JULY

Beauty, pain and knowledge

Waking the beast up with a rooster's cry
The dawn of manhood here is passing by

Theory to practical
She was very tactical
Telling you about her moves
They were so unpractical
Her writing unsyntactical

Oh deep sadness well
My oldest friend, my belle

Sad clown, Jump scare
Reappearance, Fresh air

What tethers you to center then, when whirlpools hit your ship?
What grounds the earth to heavens then, when authors fall and slip?
Not impressed with merely shining
Empty promise, there's a bird black
Guarding lambs with fires burning
For the chop, the woods will stack

End of the line
Ninety and nine
Leaves from the vine
Ready, set, rise and shine

Syntax
An axe
Hacks
Tree log

An ox
Blocks
Clocks
Dialogue

Knock knock
Who's there?
You
Okay

Experience experience
Here to experience
You serious?
I saw it all
Did it all
Release me
Transience
Why am I here?
For sentience?
Is that the deal?
Allegiance
To who? The void?
You genius?
You cracked the code

Mirror mirror
Night terror
Eye starer
An error
Air or
Water
Starter
Carder
Freuder
Younger
No mirror
A sorrower

Orange feline
Toe the line
Sleep fine
Go dine

FILED 9 JULY

Messenger

The wheels in my head go 'round and 'round
'Round and 'round, 'round and 'round
The wheels in my head go 'round and 'round
All through hell and down

Sleep problems, big problem
We all have them, can't solve em
When you wake up, you can't call him
He will yell then, that's a problem
Small problem, big problem
Fill it up up up up, to the brim
Tear your clothes, Unstitch the hem
Why'd you cause all that mayhem?
I couldn't sleep, do not condemn
Cut the stem, no, get a STEM
See? Solved the problem
Go to sleep, don't bother them

Sleep evades me, once more
Scary skeletons in my drawer
No one knows what they're for
Someone knocking on the door
That's a demon, that's a boar
Someone else lives on this floor
Someone doing nightly chore?
I do not know all of the lore
Someone lurks in the corridor
Something opens the old trapdoor
Slumber, sweet angel from the before
Please let me go now, I can't go no more

This is bigger than you, this is bigger than me. Why mess with the sacred?

Rain
Break this cloud, heavy
With my sword, exclaimed
Move it now, do something
Break it, she wailed
Make it rain, please
I can do it, she claimed
But she's not a prophetess
One who complained
Over and over and over
Stop, pained
Over and over and over
Explained
I cannot do it, no wonder
Sustained
I could swear, though
That one day
That it rained
When I asked it to
I swear that it rained

FILED 11 JULY

Look at me
Your baby says
Follow me
With eyes and legs
There's a portal
Loving haze
Carries him
When body lays

Endless cube
Open tube
Childish rube
Gaming noob

Keep the flame now burning on
You're the next step's domino
Chain reaction, turning stone
Would you say yes now, or no?

Not a thousand stories teller
Go to sleep you hopeful feller
In the evening, in the morning
All the time, mind mine is stellar

Character heuristics judge
Chocolate ice cream fudge
In this river you will trudge
Some heroes require a nudge

A painter with no sword
His only colors, word
The ever-flying bird
The pacifistic herd

Portable headpiece speaker
Progressions for a sleeper
Now he won't be weaker
Saying his tongue in cheeker

Rebellion on meaning itself
Burn the books still on the shelf
Not a giant nor an elf
Children they seldomly delve

What's the point if I explain
Ambiguous carries the rain
Strong arm back, go away
Everything I still retain

What is my objective boss
Give me clarity on cause
I cannot enclose the hose
I cannot walk on my toes

You're here
You're there you're everywhere

I go to sleep
You haunt my dreams
The trees I reap
The stillest steams

You're here
On teams
You're there
It screams
You're everywhere
Your shiny beams

Hunger pang
Snake fang
Centrifuge
Phone rang

Shoot them down to sea level
Is that a way to revel?
Drown the Tasmanian devil
A burning yellow navel

Your silence speaks as much as you
Which is the rarest sight
Your playful nature is undue
You weren't prone to fight

Ping pong
Stay strong
Not wrong
Ladder rung

Does the pig go to the bank?
Does he have a higher rank?
Does he have a name like Frank?
Can he blow my water tank?

Can you know what I know?
Can your keys dispute?
Can you go where I go?
Without any flute?

I'm nexus too
Not you sole one
The news is true
This is so fun

Now there are metaphorical tears
In vessels you'd never wish to steer
The empty one the rightful heir
And there are scarier veneers

Noise or music?
I can't tell anymore
Crescendo rises with your arrival

You hear the words but do you listen?
Do they make your black eyes glisten?

Save yourselves
My floater is enough for me
You'll need twelves
To withhold what you don't see

Who's the monster in your stories?
Does it bang the drum of reef?
Does it live by law of forties?
Darkness in it not so brief?

How do you weave with not a clue?
The answers come to you with who?
What's to see and what's to do?
Share your black widow antidote

Do you long to be the muse?
Or do you want to be amused?

Well you said it so beautifully
My eyes can't look away
The steps now tipping carefully
But surely not at bay

Are you writing your notes?
Or will you keep resisting
Enough for you, your boats?
Your birdies, are they nesting?

Omen beeper
For souls, a reaper
Minecraft creeper
So much cheaper

Renewed energy, no cost
Being hidden, and now lost
It was plenty, you were sure
Careless with it, you are toast

Mermaid, not so serious?
The rigid fish may ask
Not very mysterious
Go pick a better mask

Your water is my air
So don't blame me for drowning
You didn't even care
For who the fish were crowing

I'm not a home for insects
I hate the way they crawl
I hate their stupid instincts
They never wear a shawl

Most nonsense
Right answer
Close, concise
Yet much further

Consider the knowing eyes
With small creatures as friends
Sometimes they eat fries
And mind their own trends

FILED 13 JULY

I'll be the unwritten books
The unheard of symphonies

When there is nothing left to say
When there are no more games to play
When everyone else hits the hay
Would you stay?

Line drawn in sand
Not set in stone
You understand?
Don't pick a bone

Leaf blower on a quiet Sunday
Truth shower on a normal Monday

You'd squeeze the lime juice
Lemonade, not life produced

Infrastructure
Good posture

[redacted]

Your pressure
My diamond
Your lava
My volcano
Your oyster
My pearl
Your fossils
My fuel

Loud and ear-shattering as they were, how was I supposed to not hear the waves crashing from miles away?

Raging and unrelenting as they were, how was I supposed to ignore the flames crackling miles away?

Not offender but defender, I was in the line of thunder.

There's a narrative that died before it even had a chance.

Impact the whole ocean with a stone
Heavy and magnificent, now gone

If you're going to be an open book, be a good one.

Milky way is up next after this lowly quest.

Not me the source of light
Your morning is my night

The beasts sent my way trudged alongside me instead.

Look away while I take my sword out
Friendly fire here causing burn out

Let me sleep
Why assume?
For us both
There is room

Dark suns, may flowers bloom
In tombs, not always doom

Drops of steam
With no flume
Blue flames
With no fume

Backstage favors are so rare
Walk back in but please beware
Handle this my child with care
No one said that life was fair
Hold on to your teddy bear
Do not get lost in a fair
Scrape knee, dress tear
Hit your head, impair
Wolves amok, teeth bare
Do not stop and stare
Empty valve or risk err
Choose a circle or a square
Books read, toys share
One is single, two is a pair
Sun glare, dog nasal flare

Tread the water gracefully
Like ballerinas breaking free
This was not an escape plan
Near futile attempt re-entry

Go play somewhere else
Here we keep the garden tools
Dead compost that really smells
Sometimes whisper, tiny ghouls
Second places, yellow belts
Other dreams and wishes too

FILED 14 JULY

Any changes made in this ecosystem?
Do not call it damage
Collateral damage

Stone is quiet
Stone is almost falling
Stone sometimes goes flying
I think stone has something to say

Your submarine is suddenly flying chief

One two three
Jump off
Drive off
Dive on
Head strong
Not wrong
Early sings the birdsong
What's the channel it's on?
Doesn't matter but it's on
Silent now the sea rise
Smells like dead eyes
We're baptized, this applies
Make zero compromise

Hurry come, a spectacle
Woman that has tentacles
Take away your pentacles
I don't need your miracles

You go in and come back with no answer?
I'm not a mancer, a stupid romancer
The questions, they're festering
They grow like lung cancer

Neither destiny nor destination
No currency or tiny ration
We go out in graceful fashion
Here is rage and here is passion

My long needed exhale
You need me as much as I

Do not answer that call
It's the void, empty fall

FILED 14 JULY

Let me out
Don't shut me up
Get me out
This stupid club
Your opinions
Shook me up
Words you use
Don't raise me up
If you want
Then we can stop
Sit with me
And a teacup

Help I forgot I had an appointment at the forgetting factory

Yes I can say a funny joke
Yes I can watch a show
This antenna is not broke
It just works in slow-mo

Now it makes sense
The talking in riddles
So therefore from hence
No matter the middles

You languages fail
I don't want the pickles
Just give me the olive
And off with your nickels

The tree does not fall far from the forest where no one will ever know or hear it so did it ever exist?

If I can't escape this circus I'm dragging you all into it with me

When you say it normally
Nobody wants to listen
When you use allegories
They think you want to christen

Feel everywhere
Here and there
Are you here?
Sound clear?
Am I a voice or memory?
Condemned unto ephemerae
Your eyes and mind can see me
Long after I pass on?

Get back in there!
You can't go out and in the mould as you please!

Yes, but the mold is calling me
Retaking me, reshaping me
It's nice to me, well usually
And when I leave it, not a sound

Is there a room in your head you can hide this?
Is there a corner where light cannot shine?
Is there a backdoor a highway a passage
A singular cell, I can wash up and dye?

Hi there,
We meet again
You wrote your pieces?
Entertained?
Want some Reese's?
Root bane
Signed,
A friend

FILED 15 JULY

Improvise

Sneak peak into the unknown
Nothing good outlives the zone
Not your food, nothing you own
All the things go up and gone
Skills and weapons go and hone
Not your spreadsheet passes on

Some places you go without a phone
Keep that in mind, that is if one you own

Now the empty space is heavy
And the earth will grow a levee

In this desert, absolution?
Any law promised solution?

You heal a wound you didn't cause
You swallow thorns to get to rose

When the green turned into red
I didn't know nor ever read
Something ahead quietly shed
Layers and layers in my head
I didn't know that was the red
They always say it says and said
Over and over, boom you're dead

How many voices are there?
Personified, there are many
Officially hide in the lair
To be allowed to be, not any

Here, fishing worms newly dropped
Arms and legs and limbs are chopped

Sometimes a story is just a storey
The real monster hides in your attic

Everyone gets a turn on the theater's stage
If it's not your sadness then it's your rage

Here it comes to interrupt
Gated passage is corrupt
Barren all along the way
Go or stop, no run, stay

Are we the universe's gaze?
Are we the breath of fire?
Is this a questionnaire, a phase?
The droplets or the choir?

The echos in the hall
The animals that crawl
The scream and the drawl
The one and the all

This lies under still water
This is without border
This lives without order
This looks like disorder

Make no mistake, this tree never asked to be heard
Not to break or hit the brakes, but just a home for birds

Reality glitch
Channel switch
Lilo Stitch
Which is which?

Immortalization
Odd incantation
Soul elevation
Flame regulation

This is the last dance
So make it worthwhile
This is the chance
To go out in style

Running on reserved energy
Past and future synergy

Galaxies galaxies
Can I this moment freeze?
Give me a second please
This only flows in ease
This land is bound to seize
Emptiness and the breeze

My soul is a flighter
Now it's getting lighter

After every storm
An instruction manual
A book to transform
Some say it is annual
Here again the worm
Bites an intellectual

An objectively funny crime
The audience can chime in

The calls disconnect
The waves intersect
The cassettes eject
The reclaims reject

Will this earth witness me?
Solidness suddenly wobbly
Vastness suddenly sturdy
Sounds of hurdy-gurdy
And birds of reverdi

Human design
Words that align
Sign after sign
Wood of the pine

Fellow fiend
Have you weaned?
Were you cleaned?
Also screened?

Dear Jane Doe
With no beau
Lie below
Drier dirt

Years ago
Throwing snow
No more grow
Also hurt

You said no?
Vexed ‘em so?
Not to show
Nor to blurt

Final blow
Lowest low
Not to know
Nor to snort

FILED 16 JULY

No exemption
Guaranteed
No inception
Flower seed

Guide me to your leader
No time to waste
Messages to deliver
Letters to be written
Burned after reaching
Someone debriefing
Is there a leafling?
Or some kind of a king
Follow the trail
Hand holding hand
No one behind
Ship coming soon
Taking me back
One afternoon
Then I'll be back

How long has this been going on and where?
Right under our noses and between our eyes
Still going on here and there, everywhere
One day you'll see it too, one day you'll rise

Character's border lines are blurry
By you told once again not to worry

See the answers kept changing
Sometimes they even turned into
Questions?
Then the distraction arranging
Some fun, some not so much so
One two three, yellow ranging
Sometimes yes and others no
The answer lies in the question

Fire breath
Angel death

Unmistakably you
One thing for sure
If all else goes to hell
Footsteps left were yours

Your tiny hands
Dragged me from the depths of the ocean
Excavated my bones from the burial site

If you're waiting for a sign
This is it
If you're in need of reminding
I am here

And on this planet's surface
I walk alone
Waiting for you
To stay awake this once

Rewind the tape and press play
Are you there then? Am I?

Now all the songs lead me to you
And all the books yell at me too
They shake the leaves right off the spine
How long have I been calling you?

FILED 17 JULY

11:10
Hypatic oath follower
Fanatic, both borrower

Hypatia's Orestes
Not Orestes's Hermione

Ends, source plays
Sunshine rains

Lava lamp
New stamp
Flame camp
Ocean damp
A thirty's ramp

Why my tribe awake
Who is keeping watch
Why my eyes unfake
Switch remixes swatch

Soul harvester
Tweety's Sylvester
Not Stallone's mister
That's Inter ester

FILED 18 JULY

My Odyssey

Dear Odysseus
This oasis is
Very spacious
How oblivious
Very hideous
Not mysterious
Very obvious
They're atrocious
Come back soon
Love,
Patient black widow

Dear Telemachus
Your soul mine revived
Remembrance undyed
Our strength, very tied
Don't waste it, my child
Your guardians alive
Love,
Lost wanderer

Not a trojan's carrier
Nor a phone's interior
All of this to say
Look beyond the barrier

Not a peacock's dance
Not a display trance
Not a trip to France
Improved a glance
Not a ghosted pen
Not a measly hen
Now again, then
Three, or a ten
Monster den
Ask, when
Not now
Here
Dot

I tried to warn you
Talk not be heard
Now, who are you
Where's your bird



You can come along
But please beware
The siren song is strong
You leave all you belong
You know no right from wrong
There's not an anchor here
I used up my supply
I painted red and dry
You cannot be my lamp
I risk no newer loss
I lost all I can stand
So nothing more is loss

Immortalized
Written in stone
I dare not forget
That head tone

Am I doing too much or not enough
The keys to birdie's song's so tough

Forced to stay awake
What was my mistake
What's the end goal here
Be a living proof cake

Cut the pieces, dozen
I cannot be everywhere
Take a piece and leave
Sounds to you this fair?

Can I go to Athens?
Lost my mind in there
Bring it back unharmed
If not, why would I care?

Was it you, skinwalker?
Haunting all my dreams
Turned me to sleepwalker
Your light, no doubt it gleams

Wolverine's just one man
Packs are often twelve
There's a wolfish woman
By the name of Bev

You fail in comparison
Attention's bait and hook
Varieties within my region
Everywhere I go, stop look

One two three checkmate
We won't finish at this rate
There's another layer now
Oh look, checkers, integrate

Ran out of animal allegories
Noteworthy, beastly stories
How many pairs were there
In a single ark, fan theories

I'm surrounded by eighty its
Not a pharmacy in sight, it's
Go away and wax your ears
Nothing for you in these pits

Rage quit life, no can do
Dark is the night, what to do?
Bright is the tunnel, not a view
Train coming in, other way is too

Orchestrate a fall
Watch it from afar
Not for me, at all
Signed,
Your brightest star

Yes, this is very personal
It's for your eyes to see
Who are you, in actual
No, really, this a tree

Chaotic entropy
Is where I like to be
Somehow, negentropy
Is leading me to sea

Dramatized for effect
Not bad for an artifact

Retweak your jewels mechanism
Uncork the bottle, red light prism

Double agent soldier cat
Firing shots day and night
Surely undeliberate, as stat
Sincerely,
A penguin that you could cite

Unrecognizable level of threat, over
Retreat all ships and renew plan
Over

Playground burned
Toys unshared
Death is here
P.S. beware

Forgetting vs. Remembering
Grasp onto both, get none

Reshuffle decks
New rules dropped

Matters of the heart
Leave outside the door

Hunting for the bugs
That was so long ago
Now we run away
Bravery
Where did it go?

Preaching for long
No one can hear
A secret song
Now loud and clear

Pettiness
And pride too
Clouds the eyes
And hides the clues

FILED 19 JULY

I forgot that password
Anyway, do lobsters die alone?
How can you be immortal?
Have all your sins atoned
Then after, life is floral

That was close
I can't disclose
Nor you impose
Dot dot pause

We've been compromised
Funny as it's bothersome
This is not so canalized
Take it all or give me some

New Age dead
Trees live on
Eat your bread
Bestie's gone

The point was
It is inspiration
A strong nose
Not negation

Break a machine
Buy another
So obscene
No bother

Keep the cipher
Moving on
I got more
Where that came from

FILED 19 JULY

Your cruelty, I prefer
Others' kindness, I reject

What have you done?
Nothing
Exactly

My T-shirts have gone missing
Good thing they were all untagged

Scales are broken
They need fixing
Changed location
Now they're working
Very simple, still you miss it
Even spoons sometimes need forking

What to keep
What to throw
Ask your gut
It will know

Showing off his tiny muscles
Everyone now stop and watch
Either way, raw fish or mussels
On our side this beast, his match

Barbershop, no magazines
Feels like watching paint dry
In your weapon, magazines?
Go away, don't even try

Prophesizer
Synthesizer

Not a word?
Well now it is

Earth's second iteration
Pending, coming soon
Stay tuned woes does
The second moon is
Under progress, in
Three two fun run
Five six remix
Clear noted
And doted
Goated
Stop

Not what you say
That you can, it's
Parkour, that way
Much more culprits

Software update
Concurrency
Software upgrade
Emergency

Message received
What's your source?
No, I'm not relieved
There's no course

Am I a mantis shrimp?
What's going on?
A new color blip
No glasses on

[redacted]

Help me not
Fire spread
I know not
All's said

Break this now's
The time, I have
One more thing
To say before
It wakes up
Again, so
Not me
You
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The End

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