

RELATIONSHIP BREAKUPS

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Abstract

Breaking up a relationship is not easy. Those on the verge of breaking up with their spouses may use different verbal and non-verbal means to express their desire to end the relationship. The following poems attempt to tell the complex processes of, and the mediums used for, relationship breakups.

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Distant

Why does it have to be
complicated

The sun

 The moon

 The hills

 The trees

 Distant yet

Close to our hearts

The grass bends
As the wind blows
The crickets sing
In euphoria
Fireflies loom
In the sky
But why does it
Have to be like this
End like this

When what I ask is only for you to

 listen

Remind Me

Don't remind me
Of the things
Said and done
For there is nothing
You or me to
Say or do
To mend us

Don't remind me
Of the questions
Asked and answered
For your question
Need no answer
For I know
And you too

Remind me
Of the bills
And debts
Time wasted
Money spent
Feelings deceived
There are more on the list

Remind me
Of the little names
You used to call me
Words you used to say
Faces that you used to make
When we used to be
What it used to be

Don't remind me