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# *The Broken Box*

**Amber Busha**

**W**here was I when you left?

It was as if you had never existed,  
No books on the floor of I Love Yous on the fridge.

The locked box I kept you in so tightly—broken.  
Still wondering how you grew those wings, I  
Was so sure to clip them, them and

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