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## Better Off

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## **BETTER OFF**

*Anika Prots*

I came home and wished  
you were in my bed  
waiting to suffocate me  
with your strong arms gently wrapped  
around my lust covered body.

I wanted you, right there,  
deeper, slower, and more to the left, no my left,  
but you moved. And I got lost  
in the bags packed for Italy or Idaho  
or wherever the fuck you went.

I should've called you when I got home  
but I wanted one more drink,  
needed all the covers and didn't want you  
to be the adventure of my life.

I wish I rested my head  
on your chest, listening  
to the rise and fall of oxytocin  
pulse through your veins.  
I should have kissed your lips  
right away, instead of taking time  
to wipe away the taste of who I am.  
I thought I'd be bitter no matter how  
many times you told me otherwise.

I don't know if I am better off  
without you but the mumbled hums  
between my legs and the teddy bear  
my grandpa gave me aren't convincing.