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## Two Poems

Nyah Kauders

### The Last Breath

With each intake of breath, I know the last one will be the worst,  
When the time comes that I will have to stare into your eyes  
And confine our lives to the ring of melancholy that circles your eyes,  
the residue of our kisses that stains your forlorn lips.  
...I know the last one will be the worst.

With each intake of breath, I know the last...one...will be...the worst,  
When your jubilant laugh will become muffled and distant,  
and the feelings of your soft hands around me will only be numb  
...last one will be the worst.

With each intake...of breath...the last one will...be...the worst  
When your name merely confounds my mind,  
A dissembled book of broken words and crumpled pages

With each...intake of breath—  
the last one is

the worst.