

**From House to Home**  
**by Khaylan Acuna**

**My Father's Crown**

Stop crying darling

He's not worth your tears

A thousand miles more

To fight your fears

Stop crying darling

Take calm breaths

You can do so much better

Then the outcomes he bet

He's not worth it

The power above your head

He's not worth it

The tears that you have shed

Don't let the pain that he has brought you

Bring you back to where you were

Knock the King from his crown

From a Kingdom that drowns

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**Teen Spirit**

We look back

But we don't see

the tragedy

We cannot ever be the same

Approaching each other,

Timidly

I thought you were supposed to

catch me when I fall

Not stop me when I rose

But I guess I was always too naive

Too oblivious to the fact

Here's a fact about me

You can say no

You can say stop

But I won't listen

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**I'll Make You Proud Dad**

My only hope

Is that you will feel

That swell in your chest

The one with butterfly's

That nip at your insides

My only hope is that

You will see

I never meant to hurt you

Only to do what was right for me

My only hope is that

You look upon the stage

With the knowledge that

I won't give up

My only hope is that

I did this for you

Even when you tried to stop me

I'm stubborn

My only hope is that

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You will be proud

**Badge Of Honor**

It's funny

The important scars

The important memories

Your badges of honor

Fade just like time in a ticking clock

Like the waves slowly descending from the shore

And even they

The important memories

Don't seem so important anymore

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**An Unwritten Challenge**

What is this feeling

How can I describe it

This burning frustration

An unwanted sensation

This wanting, a longing

It eats at me

Nibbling

Slowly, surely

An indescribable anger

An unwritten challenge

Who are you to criticize

I no longer feel fear

I no longer have pain

Because I know

I can do

I can accomplish

I will

And finally

I accept

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**Adulthood**

Life

Time

Management

Job

Fair

Game

Board

Puzzle

Obstacle

Course

Work

Place

Over

Come

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### **The Pedestal**

It wasn't until I observed you through a third eye

that I knew you were only human

It wasn't until I felt the repercussions of your inconsideration

that I knew you were only human

It wasn't until I tasted your unyielding stubbornness that did more harm than good

that I knew you were only human

It wasn't until I smelt your bitter resolve that plagued you into proving what cannot be proven overnight

that I knew you were only human

It wasn't until I heard you say those lasting words that tore you off the pedestal I placed you upon that I knew  
you were only human

It wasn't until I sensed that you of all people, could do no wrong

that I knew you were only human

And should be treated as such

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**Spring Showers**

I cry because I was told in order to grow

I had to water my own flowers

This was the only way I knew how

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**The Boy with Green Eyes and Brown Hair**

The 45-degree bend

A beautiful indent

How it makes my heart skip

For even just a tiny bit

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**To the Boy I Married**

I don't need you to be my legs

I have always been strong enough to stand on my own

But I do need you to be my crutch

Because sometimes  
it hurts a little too much to walk alone

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**Iris**

When I looked into your eyes, I saw so much of myself

When I looked into your eyes, I fell in love all over again

When I looked into your eyes, I saw a human I would always protect

When I looked into your eyes, I vowed you will always be enough

When I looked into your eyes, I knew you were a little girl full of grit

When I looked into your eyes, I saw a beautiful fighter

When I looked into your eyes, I saw myself staring back at me

When I looked into your eyes, I met my daughter

When I looked into your eyes, I was already so proud

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