

Haiku

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I said, "I love you"
"When did you realize?" and a
Picture of his lunch

I Love You (2015 Version)

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I love you with all of my misfiring brain chemistry
I love the front of you, the back of you, and everywhere in between. I love you
when my brain has rendered me incapable of speech and I stare at the
periwinkle sheets instead of talking.
I love you like a pleasant dream

I love you when I feel strange and I can't even describe it to you
I love you when I don't hear from you all day and I assume the worst, just to get
text from you a few minutes later. I love that you may or may not have said that
you loved me first.
I love you with my light

I love you because you matter so much
I love you because I see something in you I've never seen before and everyday
with you makes me see it more. I love you because I can't describe this thing for
all of my attempts.
I love you so much because I know now

Nightmare

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His words were so matter-of-fact
An inevitable conclusion which any
Sane human being would have come to
The smell of sanitizer hung heavy in the air
Of the hospital room as he explained

I was too dull, too boring for him
He had given me a chance and all we
Had done was watch DVDs on his
Silver Macbook. I wasn't nearly
Interested enough for a man like him

My breath caught in my throat as my
worst fear played out before my eyes.
I had been found out. He knew I
Was this gentle, unassuming impostor
And he would stand for it no longer

I looked around the room; my only thought
To vacate the place where I was
So thoroughly unwanted. Before I could collect
My thoughts or my belongings or wits, he crashed
My laptop. A final farewell.

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