

Cat heart IC

my feelings that came
forward when writing about
the past seven years

love always,



belly down on this
blanket from CDMX
there's one habit
that started with you,
enjoying outside

Your affable smile
in that italian market;
learning about cured meat



When you taught me how
to start a fire; grand canyon
I felt safe, complete

Some meals I would spend
hours with, to eat in minutes
why was I seeking
appreciation



I got a new job
I brought a new bong
and burgers to the home we sat
I thought my life as complete;
that's when you said
'I'm applying to jobs, in other states'



That night in your moms kitchen
she was trying to convince you
not to move across the country,

when she turned to me and asked
'you really want to move with her there?'
and I said 'I want to support her'
and what I thought was
'I don't want to be the one to crush her
dreams.

I'm going to live with her the rest of our
life.

I want her to feel fulfilled, to find her
happiness.'

These days I'm googling 'trust trauma'



I remember
driving up that hill
tired eyes, a sore butt,
a car with all of our possessions
and briefly, searching for any sign
something to reassure me that,
this really would be the best route
for the rest of my life



Our last year
my favorite gesture
was you pouring us coffee
while I laid in bed



Had I been aware that the last time we camped would actually be our last - that we'd never again harvest oysters, well I'd of slowed down.



I consider moving
back to my favorite town
and weighing my cons list



* every street corner we held hands at

that last month,
every day before lunch
I would hold our cat and cry
a habit

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I used to vacuum
every other day, but now
I don't have a cat



You were crying
'I feel like I'm abandoning you'
I felt like you were to

this wasn't a new feeling for me;
just a feeling I forgot.



When we moved here,
you told me of the wildfire smoke;
we never saw it together -
and this week, that smoke blew
over the sound, up into our yard
and I imagine, we'd be talking about it

You found paradise
for the both of us to live;
only I stayed here



thank you,