title here.
emily allison

"be kind to yourself, the way you would be to someone you love."

- courtney peppernell

listen to music.
it brings out a whole new side
of you that you
never knew was present.

dedicated to them -

i bleed the blood of the two of you combined. without you, my words would run dry, my skin wouldn't be my own, the accomplishments i complete would be someone else's.

so thank you, truthfully, for deciding once upon a time to let me be who i am, but for also letting me be led by you. you created the crevasses into the road that i follow until i'm old enough to carry the family legacy on my own.

mom and dad,
thank you for everything.
i don't say it enough, but i
love you - you are my heroes and i wouldn't be here without you.

this book's playlist -

- ♪ anyone else joshua bassett
- ♪ please chelsea cutler & jeremy zucker
- ♪ lost in the clouds benjamin taylor
- ♪ hollywood modern monet
- ♪ robin hood anson seabra
- ∄ i'm yours jason mraz
- ♪ amnesia 5 seconds of summer
- ♪ from the dining table harry styles
- ♪ i lost a friend finneas
- ♪ drive by train
- ♪ liability lorde
- ♪ love someone lukas graham
- ♪ lego house ed sheeran
- ♬ places we won't walk bruno mars

for my lone wolves

when i'm

by myself,

extraordinary

things can

happen.

pretty girls -

when i open my lips and nothing comes out, i spin circles on my wrists and press my tongue to the top of my mouth.

i can't help but smile, quench the thirst to hear my thoughts outside of my own head.

she seems to
only find the abilities to
tear the bricks from my
heart, to chunk them

through my eyes and shatter my means of self-worth. the pieces pierce the fingerprints that she left, drawing blood that dries in an instant, because pretty girls don't bleed. they don't bruise or give into the bags under their eyes

pretty girls strum the melody of someone else, their piano tuned to someone else's song.

the ukulele i pluck on stays hidden behind clothes that aren't really mine, alongside all the words i ever wanted to say,
written on books i've
wanted to read and
foods i've wanted to eat.

the blood disappears.
right with my
dandelion seeds,
plucked eyelashes, and
the burnt remains of
wishes that are asked
at midnight, when only
God Himself can hear the
whispers that i hold in

all day, waiting for the moments alone when i can finally let everything explode.

it's because of you -

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ask me
why i
spend my
evenings in
my room,
door closed,
searching for
satisfaction from
words on
a page.
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i bet you won't like the answer. i want to love him.
i really do.
but the beating in my
chest and the common
sense in my head
stops me from
pushing myself over the
edge until i can learn to
stand on the cliff by
myself.

insanity -

the moment i said yes after you

chewed your way through my ribcage and into my heart. every text

from you

sends you

three feet

further away

from actually

coming up and

talking to me.

how can we be so connected and disconnected at the same time? i spun

wisps of

cobweb memories

around my fingers.

there are

special days

when i

kiss my

own lips and

tell myself that

it's okay to

be alone.

when i
take a second and
draw my
j's and my b's,

my fingers tingle and my heart flutters just a little bit.

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