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*This book is dedicated to how ridiculous that is.*

# **25 LOVE POEMS FOR THE NSA**



# 1

There's something intensely romantic  
In the notion that if you ever feel alone and toxic  
You can just pick up the phone  
And start to talk  
And someone will always be listening

2

Somewhere in a blizzard  
The dirty bomb went off in your soul  
Letting you know  
That the fundamentalism of your love  
Was the chemical fire  
In my blood



# 3

Extreme weather was always your heroin  
I never knew how I could make you feel more than the riot outside  
In your foot and mouth and hand and fingers and throat and elbow  
Your looting of this place where we once lived  
Is an infection waiting to kill me

4

Once I was decapitated  
A black out in an avalanche  
I went from human  
To animal  
Please turn me back

5

I tried to cancel this bridge to nowhere  
Brute-forcing the drugs out of my system  
The gunfight didn't help make things any better  
I can't stop it  
Your love is an epidemic  
And I am a powerless populace

6

There's no help for the hostage  
In your kiss

7

Somewhere across the interstate  
Exposure to the drug trade of emotions  
And the tsunami and typhoon of feelings  
Has made us all cops and robbers  
Of what we keep in the cavities  
In our chests

# 8

There's an emergency in the ice  
The cartel has what they need now  
The crest of the grid is falling  
We're in a state of emergency  
Because we're lighting fires  
All the way home

# 9

Your nerve endings  
I know their plot  
To attack  
My never endings  
Until we fall asleep  
In each other's arms

# 10

Your love is weapons grade  
This isn't resistance  
It's a suicide attack



# 11

It's awkward in the subway  
Like hiding narcotics  
When we kiss  
And everyone cares

# 12

Breakout  
The outbreak  
Black out  
No brown out  
No recovery  
From you

# 13

A radioactive wave  
Breaking heat  
Down to your thighs  
An execution in a storm  
It's a good way to die

14

Laying down these power lines  
A vaccine for the voiceless  
No one who's ever been in love  
Has thought that words meant nothing  
("Nothing" like a pipe bomb in a library)

# 15

No warning  
Just a tremor  
Under your skin  
And then it begins again

# 16

Please don't worry  
These are just the symptoms of being a target  
(Listen in on this, you motherfuckers)  
We're not the scammers  
Scamming the scammed  
You are  
It's no wonder one of the words  
We cannot whisper  
Is "leak"  
Enjoy making love  
To a screaming planet

# 17

I recall your phreaking response  
Tones down a phone line  
When I called to tell you  
This is forever  
I learned the hard way  
That no phone call is ever  
Truly free

# 18

Trafficking in threats  
Has never been the nature of a heart  
Under the hail  
The ice keeps our promises  
(And hail is just water that's forgotten to breathe)



# 19

I cancelled the disaster assistance  
I will not run to the border  
I won't even limp to the hills  
You've inspired gangs of roving hearts  
That come to my aid  
Lifting me up  
Like Jesus on a cross

20

There're armies from Mexico to Nigeria  
Waiting to fight over something worth fighting for  
And all we ever whispered was  
"Each other."

# 21

“Does it hurt? What is it?”

“It’s not food poisoning, it’s not a hazard to public health.”

“What is it?”

“It’s just an ache you’ve given me. I’ll live. But only with you.”

22

Artistic assassins have used the bacteria of our love  
To create representations of us, like body scanners  
Who know only the curve of our bodies  
But not the substance, the white powder  
In our hearts  
We could become addicted to the crash  
To the brush fire burning  
Us down

23

My lips are  
First responders  
To your lips are  
An emergency response  
To an electric kiss

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No bird ever looked at a plane in envy

# 25

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