

## What are we?

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- 1 He tells me he cares, it I know he's lying,
- 2 He says "I love you", but I know that's not true,
- 3 He says "I wish u could be with you tonight...", but he sits at home,
- 4 He talks about our future, but I know it is dim if not nonexistent,
- 5 He makes so many plans for us, but never follows through,
- 6 He makes me feel ten thousand different emotions all at once, so I don't know which one to 7  
listen to,
- 8 He asks "how are you?", so I lie and say "I'm fine",
- 9 He texts me everyday, but I miss his voice,
- 10 He makes me feel different than anyone else, but I don't know if that's a good thing
- 11 anymore,
- 12 Why does he do this to me?
- 13 Is he the person I thought he was?
  
- 14 I don't know what to do, he makes me happy,
- 15 I have tried to escape so many times, but he makes me happy,
- 16 I can't help but think that it's me that's the problem, because he makes me happy,
- 17 He is the problem, but he makes me happy,
- 18 This relationship is the problem, but he makes me happy,
- 19 The thoughts help swirling around in my mind like a tornado that has swept me up inside of
- 20 it,
- 21 He is toxic for me, yet all I can think about are those gorgeous green eyes,
- 22 I keep my phone glued to my hand in case he calls,
- 23 But is there good in him?
- 24 He was there for me when no one else was,
- 25 To keep me happy and keep me safe,
- 26 At one point he was my best friend,
- 27 The one I counted on more than anyone else,
- 28 He is still my best friend,
- 29 I still love him so much it hurts,
- 30 He means the world to me,
- 31 And I can't imagine waking up with his name not on my phone screen,
- 32 His presence makes my day better in a single second,
- 33 He is my therapist,
- 34 My best friend,
- 35 and my person,
- 36 I care about him, and a part of me always will,
- 37 regardless of the consequences, I want to be with him,
- 38 doesn't that all count for something?

Analysis:

Parallelism:

Posing questions-stanza one- lines 13-14

-stanza two- lines 24-38

Having two complete independent clauses joined by a comma fanboy-

/- stanza one- lines 1-6, 10-12

/- stanza two- lines 15-16, 18-19, 22

Using I, me, and he instead of saying the people's names/never saying names-

/- stanza one- lines 1-14

/- stanza two- lines 15-38

Repetition:

Using "but he/ because he makes me happy"-

/- stanza two- lines 15-18

The idea of me telling myself he's good for me-

/- stanza two- lines 25-38

Simile: stanza two- lines 20-21

Metaphor: stanza two- line 22