

# Petals

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Petals pour from themselves in a synchronized swim  
They'd been held to the stem as though holding their breath  
Collectively they agree to exhale and be free  
Now one after another they tumble silently  
Oblivious to me  
The ashes of last night  
Sigh into a heap

Petals pour from themselves in a synchronized swim  
I am woken in a moment as they break the air  
Disintegrate integrate with resigned grace  
Lining up to jump they remind me of tears  
Sudden and many fall  
I look to you  
Your empty chair

And then I remember Why there's lilac in the air

My tears well up and cry for you  
There's wet in my hair and I never knew  
My tears well up and cry for you  
My tears well up and cry for you  
My tears well up and cry for you

My tears

My tears

My tears

My tears

My tears

These are my tears

My tears, my tears

My tears

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