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in the beginning, you mapped out the end
how you would cry
how you would leave
in rage and anguish
ripping at the collar of your shirt
clawing at invisible cuffs bound to your wrists and ankles

it is cloudy most days
and you are
walking backward on a bike path
away from me
so small underneath the branches of the
speckled cottonwood trees

and i feel like

i feel like
i have soaked in a bath of the ones who have drained your heart
i have drunk bitter coffee with your enemies and lovers alike
i have smelled their sweat and licked their salty palms
and i have not hurt them because, at one point, they loved you

it is cloudy, so i put my coat

on
and
off

on
and
off

at one time
i would reach for you
when i was cold

now the frigid air stings my hands
and i wonder why you don't want to touch me anymore,
when just months ago, you tried to crawl underneath my skin

even, today
in the rain

i'd let you lie there
in hopes to warm you up

Artist Statement

This poem reflects on strange and shifting weather as a lens for navigating love in one’s twenties. Rather than offering a fixed resolution, I hope this poem invites readers to sit with ambiguity and draw their own conclusion, allowing personal experience to shape its meaning.



About the Author

Brynn Engler is a sophomore at Montana State University studying Environmental Horticulture with a focus in Landscape Design and a minor in English Writing. Brynn owns her own business and spends much of her time building, exploring, and maintaining natural spaces. Born and raised in Bozeman, Montana, her work is deeply influenced by the landscapes around her. She writes poetry inspired by travel, love, and life’s quieter moments—her pieces often carrying a sense of melancholy and honest, unfiltered expression.