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A Poem for *The Words*

Poem Entry:

for those men who could've sworn i'd loved them 27 de febrero '20

men like to say that women fall in love easily, well
honey, that's all wrong. my apologies, but i think you've read too
many a love tale horribly wrong, since the day your mama
told ya "baby, she doesn't talk to you because she does like you,"
what a load of crap. you know, girls are spoonfed that bullshit?
by our own mothers no less. it comes in a fat jar labeled "don't be
loud, else you'll scare the man" WRONG. now listen here amor de mi vida,
i was just using you. it was obvious to everyone might i add
i can't believe you fell for the half of it, you see
my intentions with you were good, at first. honest
but seems your dumber than i had originally thought.
well, the time has come, to lay you out in the sun
yes, it's time for you to rot. my compost keeps piling,
i have to take it out! maybe i'll, roll you gently into the
grass, and the worms will digest you by noon. don't look
for me, don't ask for me, for i'm most likely not there.
i never was to begin with, none of it was real, and i know
you must think none of it is fair. the addresses, the phone numbers
my cackling at your stupid jokes, the way i accidentally
brushed your fingers when i reached for my phone.
you men are so gullible, you're so easy to . . . please? no-
tease. or is that what you'd rather call me instead? a tease . . .
well, i could care less, call me all the names you desire.
a slut, a tramp, a whore, maybe? nope, still doesn't matter
i don't care.

the next time i catch you following me, you better beware
i don't run from a fight, and i don't dig my own grave.

Commentary:

This was written right when the pandemic took off, but the emotions and the first line were already placeholders from last year, waiting to be formed into a fiery discourse on how straight men tend to be the first to accuse or suggest women as being overemotional or attached in relationships, when by experience, they tend to always be the ones who can't let go, or who show feelings first. When feelings are not reciprocated by a woman, men are quick to judge her for not feeling a certain way about them. This sort of occurrence is no stranger to any of my female friends, and around the time when the pandemic started is when many admirers, past hookups, toxic exes, and horny male friends decided to begin sliding back into our DM's, asking "How've you been?" and "Watchu been up to?" If you didn't get the hint beforehand, understand it now; We don't like you, we never did, hence why we never responded to your text in the first place. Persistence is no longer "key," if she does not like you, she actually, does not like you. End of discussion.