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Everything will betray you

Your family and friends —
for good reason, I'm sure

perhaps survival,
perhaps less

maybe stupidity
or confusion
or hopelessness

or jealousy
which is just insecurity
in a cocktail dress

don't be so hurt.

Your lovers will betray you,
because why shouldn't they?

you probably deserve it
and it's in our nature to hurt the ones we love —

that's verifiably true
because you can only be truly hurt
by someone you truly love,
truly

try not to betray them first.

Your philosophies and ideologies will betray you
because you're evolving

and they should.

Your dreams will betray you,
because you'll wake up

and when you don't,
you won't be dreaming.

your dog will betray you,
because it's mortal
but it'll wait until you think it'll never betray you
and isn't that nice of it?

Your heroes will betray you,
because they're just people after all.

Everyone you ever admired did something unspeakable —
reconcile that, for it's no reason to abandon them

Your body will betray you,
you will be unable to do things of which you once were capable

to reach that thing,
or anything

'out of reach' will become your theme,
the title of your memoir,
what will be stenciled on your gravestone.

Your sanity will betray you, too
because just when you need it
you won't be able to find it

when life gives you a reason to go insane
you usually take it...

I've discovered the secret to all this

we're each born with a keyhole

our job is to take hammer and pick to it

widen it as much as possible

try to see what others see

no one is evil,
we're just scared

watch what an animal will do when it's scared

lost

but we're lost together

and that makes us worthy of cinema

try to give a little more

giving isn't about less for you and more for them

it took me some time to realize that

try not to preach

let people learn on their own

recognize irony when you can

it will bring more humor to the whole thing

use less words when possible —
saying 'it' never does it justice for some reason,
I don't know why

accept more on the other thing's terms,
not everything is here to please you, you know

submit

have a big appetite

and see everyone else as *you* on your worst day —
today is probably your worst day

things will work out
or they won't.

enjoy it while you can
because everything will betray you.