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# A Poetry Zine

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## **Part 2**

## FIRE

*by Absolute*

**F**eels hot in here.

**I**nside the house

**R**emember the time you were in there.

**E**nter at your own risk.

## EARN

*by Absolute*

**E**ven though it was hard

**A**nanything is everything

**R**eally worked hard to get it

**N**ever give up.

## PROVISIONS

*by Absolute*

So here I am in socks

and sweatpants and just a t-shirt

on a fall day

sitting on a chair inside the building.

Nothing in my backpack but

money, lighter, cigarettes and mask.

## LOST

*by Absolute*

When I was a kid I was so lost in my life.  
I didn't know what to do,  
so I started doing shit like...  
stealing stuff,  
not listening to anybody  
breaking into houses and small stores,  
fighting people for no reason,  
smoking pot,  
blaming others for my own actions.  
And now I'm here trying  
to do better than this  
like helping others.

## A PLACE

*by Absolute*

Outside camping with my classmates.  
Winter  
White and green.

## SOMETIMES

*by Bree*

Sometimes life's a mess.  
Sometimes life is painful.  
Sometimes life is boring.  
Sometimes life is amazing.  
Sometimes life is sad.  
Sometimes life sucks.

Sometimes we laugh.  
Sometimes we smile.  
Sometimes we cry.  
Sometimes we're mad.  
Sometimes we're sad.

But in the end, happiness comes.  
We've all been through some stuff,  
been though hurtful things.  
We've been living a mess.  
We've been through so much that no one knows.  
People die because they've been judged.  
People embarrass people 'cause they've been embarrassed.  
People just want to hurt people,  
But we need to respect each other.

A PLACE

*by Bree*

Outside.

Summer.

Green-gray colours.

No buildings, only waters, lol

Others are there too.

Long ago.

Happy.

ABYSS

*by Lotus*

Almost every day i have anxiety attacks.  
Sometimes i think I am normal  
All day i get annoyed at my peers.  
I admit i am anxious at this moment.  
I like to be alone almost all the time.  
I'm stuck in my abyss.

A PLACE

*by Lotus*

Outside  
Winter  
White. Green  
No buildings. No houses.  
My aunt, my sister, my best friend.  
Long ago.  
Happy.

## EAGLE...

*by Lotus*

If i were an eagle, i would be free  
and not worry about what people  
think about me.

Nobody would care if i really existed.

And that would make me wander  
around the sky whenever i want.

I would look down @ the earth  
instead of looking up at the sky.

I would be able to hunt my  
food freely.

## DOLPHIN

*by Lotus*

I'm a dolphin. I like to wander  
around at sea.

I like to get lost and at the  
same time I know I'm at home,  
because I belong in the water.

I'm friendly towards earthlings  
And they are fascinated to look  
at me.

I'm playful. I have friends who  
stick around with me when  
the sharks are nearby.

I like to eat fish. but they  
are hard to catch.

I like the ocean. But the plastic scares me.

## PROVISIONS

*by Lotus*

So here I am in socks and flip ons  
and wearing black shorts and a big  
black and green soft sweater  
on a sunny spring morning...  
standing outside on a balcony at  
my college dorm in Montreal.  
Nothing in my pockets but an engagement  
ring that my grandmother gave me.  
And a pack of camels and a lighter  
that has the Beatles stickers,  
and my half-cracked iPhone.  
I'm holding my flowery calendar book  
and my magic pen.

## SILENCE IS WHERE I AM TRAPPED...

*by Lotus*

I'm angry but i am silent.  
Is that okay...no.  
I'm depressed but i am silent.  
Is that okay...no.  
I'm anxious but i am silent.  
Is that okay...no.  
I want to give up, but i am silent.  
Is that okay. Maybe not.  
I'm afraid to be misunderstood.  
That's why i'm silent.  
I was judged when i spoke.  
And that has kept me silent.  
Silence is what i am trapped in.  
And that got me violent.

## GIRLY

*by Lotus*

Beautiful  
Brown hair  
Straight white teeth  
Wide brown eyes  
Freckles  
Thick eyebrows  
Girly outfit

## LIVING IS NOT A PUNISHMENT

*by Lotus*

Living is not a punishment.  
It may feel like it sometimes.

It's an opportunity to do what you  
want in life.

Fact is: It can be extremely hard to  
find out what you want in life.

Even if it means you have to dig  
20 feet under.

## MY FAVOURITE RAPPER

*by Lotus*

Eminem is my favourite rapper.  
I like him because he expresses  
his emotions very well.  
He uses his tone to express  
himself too.  
Every time i am mad or sad  
i like to listen to his music.  
And it makes me feel better.

## MY FAVOURITE SOUNDS

*by Lotus*

I am in my little camouflage tent  
with my best friend.  
We hiked for 7 hours and we  
decided to sleep here for the night.  
I'm laying in my sleeping bag.  
And I hear wolves howling.  
I hear the wind howling.  
And I hear my breathing...  
My three favourite sounds...

WE STOOD THERE WITH OUR MOUTHS OPEN

*by Mars*

We stood there with our mouths open.  
We stood there for a long time  
and we were all very shocked.  
We weren't expecting to hear  
such a beautiful voice like that.  
We didn't know she could sing.  
She told me she sang in front of people  
and some of them put her down.  
So, she never had enough confidence to sing.  
So, she just stopped.

A PLACE

*by Mars*

Inside  
Summer  
white black brown  
tv couch table  
I'm with my grandparents  
Not long ago.  
Very happy

SOMEONE

*by Mars*

He's kinda short.

He has grey hair

He's really funny, but

he's kinda fat

He had a stroke.

I AM A LITTLE PUPPY

*by Mars*

I love to cuddle

I love tummy rubs.

I like to chase balls.

I don't like cats.

## K'S HOUSE

*by Mars*

I'm going to K's house  
I feel happy b'cuz I get  
to see my cousins and we talk about  
our feelings and be there for each other.

## PROVISIONS

*by Mars*

So here I am in running shoes  
and wearing a grey coat with blue jeans  
on a sunny day  
sitting on my scooter.  
I'm in my hometown.  
Nothing in my pockets but  
my iPhone, my lighters,  
my earphones and charger.

A PLACE

*by Violet*

Outside.

Winter.

White, blue sky

I see a fox on the mountain.

It's only me.

I saw it long ago.

It makes me happy.

WE STOOD THERE WITH OUR MOUTHS OPEN

*by Violet*

We stood there with our mouths open.

Here I am again thinking the same  
like I did a few years ago.

I am trying to heal.

Get away from me.

I don't want you around me.

No, I'm not gonna do it.

## DEPARTURE

*by Violet*

Here I am leaving my beautiful place.  
I am waiting for a plane inside an airport.  
I see a beautiful sunset and a beautiful green  
mountain outside of a window.  
I am feeling really sad to leave my mom. LOL  
It will take two days to go on my journey.

## POLAR BEAR

*by Violet*

I am a polar bear.  
I'm able to survive all winter.  
I am strong and powerful.

## PROVISIONS

*by Violet*

So here I am in my flipflops  
and wearing my silky purple  
dress on a hot summer day  
sitting on a bench  
at the park.

Nothing in my backpack but  
a tampon, mask, map,  
and a charger for my phone.

## HAIKU

*by Violet*

falling leaves  
crunching  
leaves

first snow  
first cold night

frozen lake—  
walking on  
the lake

roaming  
the streets—  
barking dogs

## BIOS

**ABSOLUTE** is 16 years old. The three things she likes doing the most are walking around, reading books and listening to music. Her favourite colour is green, and favourite song is “Nowhere” by Alan Walker. The thing that no one knows about Absolute is that she knows how to write poems and stories. When she graduates, she wants to just graduate....

**BREE** is 13 years old. The three things she likes doing most are Honda rides, hanging out with “Enemy,” and hanging out with friends. Her favourite colour is black, and favourite song is “Lucid Dreams.” The thing that no one knows about Bree is that she hates school and only goes out at night. When she graduates, she wants to work at the airport.

**LOTUS** is 15 years old. The three things she likes doing most are gaming, hunting, and working. Her favourite colour is green, and favourite song is “The Nobodies.” The thing that no one knows about Lotus is that she writes books. And draws. When she graduates, she wants to be an author or a mechanic or a coach.

**MARS** is 13 years old. The three things she likes doing most are cross-country skiing, hockey and being alone. Her favourite colour is purple and favourite song is “Say You Won’t Let Go.” The thing that no one knows about Mars is that she is really hurting inside but doesn’t want to talk. When she graduates, she wants to travel all over the world alone.

**VIOLET** is 17 years old. The three things she likes doing the most are sleeping, partying and shopping. Her favourite colour is pink, and favourite song is “Cocaine Model” by Zhu. The thing that no one knows about Violet is that she is very caring and loving. When she graduates, she wants to become a psychologist.