

Waiting For You

SpokenWordwinner, Sophia

Idon't know what I'm waiting for
You're not coming back
And I've known this
But it's something I can't ignore
I lost you...
And it wasn't my fault, but yours
And even then, I still don't know what I'm waiting for
Because at this point,
I'm ignoring ever sign and simply asking the universe for more
Begging-
Not praying
And I don't even know what I'm saying
I'm just waiting
I keep playing this game of praying and begging
Waiting for you to come through
And you never do
Never
So how pathetic can I be
Just waiting for you when you left me
It's ridiculous
Honestly
But I have no choice but to let it be
So I'll just sit back and look silly like I always do
Still waiting for you
And it's not your fault
You left and your better without me
And now I admit defeat because your happy now
And I'm still stuck
Stuck waiting for you

I Am A Dog

SpokenWord2nd place winner, Miles

I am a dog
Everyone was right about me
I'm too forgiving, and I can't see the bad
My entire life has been spent convincing myself all the evil,
the disappointment, the hurt, the anger, the other shoe dropping–
I've convinced myself that none of it is real
And now
I can't tell the difference between reality and fiction
My nightmares blur into my dreams
My skin is too textured
My vision too bright
My heart is stuck in a fantasy and my life is racing by
Moving on without me
I can lie all I want
But here I am
A dog
Forever loving someone who kicks me
Each time I wag my tackle
And the truth is
Maybe im fine with kibel
You can't help but love the only thing you've been fed your whole life
It's always the same
Bland, dry, and leaves a bad taste in your mouth
But it's also exactly that
Familiar
It is stable
And the fact that the outcome won't always disgust you
The longer you chew on dirt
The easier it is to pretend it tastes good
And why would you bite the hand that feeds you
Even if it's only twice a day
After all, a dog always goes back to its owner
I'll have the façade with each person I meet
But the truth is
That's all I'll ever be
I am a filthy
Loyal
Mutt