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# Free

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I asked my friend if this changed me.  
I wanted him to say no,  
Just like you wanted me to say yes.

He told me that,  
before that night,  
I was free.

Free was  
the ocean I learned to swim in  
And what it was like when my mother let me go.

My sister's freckles in July  
And mine in August.

The highway home  
With the orange lights and the blue signs  
And every note playing to whoever needs to hear it.

Me letting other people touch me,  
Me loving their skin with mine,  
Exchanging what we needed to.

The wind pulsing  
Where my blood does,  
Coming back to curl my hair  
Around my neck.

My laugh  
Unfiltered, unforgotten, and  
unchangeable.

My tongue  
Using its power with no motive at all,  
Only to let it be known that it could.

My bed,  
The blankets that encompassed but never  
Suffocated me.

The galaxies within  
My nail polish,  
And the supernovas in my lipgloss.

My skin,  
Untouched but untethered by the thought  
Of being so.

And the word free meant the same thing  
as “before you.”