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## **Rings Spent**

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I have forgotten that I can forget  
to free a life that's spent with you and fill  
the empty eggs that say I should regret

the things that we have left behind: our pet  
and how we played the mom and dad that now  
I have forgotten that I can forget.

You love the *I*? Then why only a threat?  
My wish to be away? Communicate  
the empty eggs that say I should regret

that we never took time to celebrate  
the four abortions or our cat's birthday.  
I have forgotten that I can forget.

Your three minutes of short breath would upset  
those dreams of being soul-mates we praised and  
the empty eggs that say I should regret

that for doctor's warnings it's way too late.

It's not just the cat we should separate.

I have forgotten that I can forget  
the empty eggs that say I should regret.