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*I started writing when I was a little girl.*

*I started writing because I couldn't  
express my feelings the way I wanted to. My  
words on paper made more sense than my  
words outspoken.*

*But then I stopped.*

*I picked up my pen again when I noticed I  
was screaming out loud instead of  
expressing calmly what was there.  
So, I wrote this book about heartbreak and  
goodbyes, growing and becoming, falling in  
and out of love.*

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**Once**





I write about you when I'm drunk.  
Sober, I don't speak in poems.

"Why can't you be happy here? Why do you always have to seek for more?"

I try to explain that these cities will always feel too small for all the plans I have.

They can hear me  
but I can feel them turning away.

I'm sorry  
but I cannot stay.