

stars

13 was self-hatred
competition turned cruel
replacing his hand with mine
peeling away everything that kept me whole

14 was tornadoes in my living room
clouding all vision
unsure where to turn
chaos in the aftermath

15 was betrayal
perfection not cracked
however hard I try
why could nobody see?

16 was shopping malls
lust lists marked as friendship
number six he said
others just a picture

17 was feeding from a silver spoon
syrupy slick sentences
up and down and up and down
all that work for him and his story

18 was a hailstorm
pockmarked and beaten
not shiny and new
but trying over and over again

19 is unclear
wild and uncertain
tossing and turning in another's bed
to find the missing puzzle piece