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for Noelle

The night is sad tonight.

The rain is pouring so ferociously, that
it sounds like a million black
marbles shattering against my car,
throbbing in my head. . .

I am crying 4 U.

"LITTLE GIRL, I AM CRYING FOR YOU!"

I am thinking about you. . . laying so fragile
in that metal-raised bed, in room 218.
I know that you are hardly moving, so the noise
will not remind you-
that You are Alive.

You are existing as a body under a hard,
uncomfortable white sheet; with scars on
Your heart,
Your fate and
Your wrists.

I am driving past your house little girl-
and it is lit up against the darkness and
the rain. The family inside cannot
sleep, for they are up all night wondering
why you want to?

As I drive by slowly,
my memory remembers you, and I, and your brothers
running around your yellow house in the
summer sun. . .
the sprinklers were crying upward tears,
before they fell. The iridescent bubbles we
blew, floated up towards the sky,
until they couldn't resist bursting. . .
my embrace on you cousin is eternal,
why are trying to let go?

-Katy D'Arduini