

1st Place Adult

Short Lines About People I Love

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Jacqueline—

Hands like an ocean
far-reaching and strong
enough to drown
beneath their weight
buoy on their crests.

Ever-moving, All-embracing
continents of body and mind,
cupping in them secret
multiverse of light +
shadow realms of mystery.

Always here, forever there—
waiting to hold,
even when it's too dark to see.

Alice—

She came from another place, another time
From whence I do not know
But she's always been here
In preconceived premonitions
Dwelling in dreamlike web of wombs
Stretching back beyond cognition
Neither created nor uncreate,
Ethereal and absolute.—
 We simply welcomed her home.

Felix Orion—

We named you after the stars
because we want you to know
fundamental luminosity

Matt—

Maze of neurotic rabbit trails all ripe
for exploration
Caffeine-addled copilot who sets fire to maps
Creator of worlds more bleak than
even this one

Images of internet-addled cavemen
scrawled on bedroom walls
Coyote costumed in human skin
reminding us we're all meat
or beings of luminous, radiant heat
or simply numbers on a computer's data sheet
A living, laughing trickster tale
who rally gets going
after a pint
of good, strong ale.