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My best friend is a force
It's almost as if the planets joined forces to bring us together
She could break my heart into a million pieces
Because her love has been dismissed, but I'll take that love
I'll give her arms a rib cage to wrap around
Her arms will entangle mine like dehydrated vines
Because everything is against her
But I have a best friend
And I have a love
She is the love in my life
Though I don't thank her with a tender kiss, I give her everything
Because I have a home
It's a girl who likes astrology and cats
Whose teeth chatter when things get somber
She's everything I'd want to be
I hold her when I can
She doesn't thank me with bitterness
She lets me cry until the tears feel like lemon juice, sour and unwanted, but healing
Until I'm so low, until it feels like there's a rock on my chest and a body of still water is
devouring my being
She tells me the weight is only in my head, ties a rope to it, and pulls me to a surface of clarity
Because I am a best friend