

things i've learned from school

i. biology has taught me how to seamlessly list
every fractured bone that swims beneath your skin,
the way they're built so your sturdy spine stays
even when someone smiles before plunging a dagger
in the small of your back
and how your body is a reckoning force
built from nature's hands that
allow you to withstand the collapse of a world
disintegrating beneath your tendons

ii. physics has taught me the laws of attraction;
how the magnetism of your celestial smile
can still the sands of space and time and how
gravity dictates
that the melodious hum of your voice
can anchor me somewhere beyond
the cold confines of reality

iii. math has taught me that we are more than the sum of our parts;
of the things we love selflessly and even the pieces we don't,

it says that i am an impossible equation

but you try and solve me anyway

iv. chemistry has taught me

the elements of the periodic table and

why electricity ignites fingertips

when proximities touch

& that people can be corrosive too

v. biology has taught me

the anatomy of a human heart

and its practical functions in its entirety

but

english has taught me poetry

and poetry has taught me love