

## All These Things

Benton Falls

I promise that I won't fall down.  
I promise that I won't skin my knee.  
Like you promised you'd always be around.  
To take good care of me.

And I remember.  
You standing behind that white picket fence with a white peaked  
face.  
Trying hard to embrace my youth.  
Before it escapes.  
Before it's too late.  
Clutching the fence she said.

How have I hurt you.  
What have I done.  
Did I desert you.  
Or spite with my tongue.  
Was I too eager.  
Or love you too much.  
I love you too much.

And now that I'm all grown.  
I'm feeling so alone.  
Why have you brought me here.  
You say all these things I say.  
But it's not the same.  
I'm feeling so alone today. alone and numb.

I'll ice my thoughts.  
I'll ice my mind for now.

It's not your fault.  
You did what you could do.  
For this I will love you for always.  
You hold my heart and my tiny hand.

Thank you for all these things