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Frozen excitement and sunny dreams
 The winter's cold is imagined within
 A box of heat, sunken into pillows of a good day
 A world shining, glistening to the luster of freedom
 Ornaments are my only audience
 I cover myself with a cotton shield
 I am alone, warm and in a world
 Carried by the sunny silence inside and out

Dreary afternoon music, sweatpants and a movie mood
 Gray skies for dinner, navy blue wishes on the front porch
 Overlook the road below
 A sudden craving for the cricket sound, a kiss of salt from the ocean
 I want rosy cheeks and suntanned shoulders,
 A glass of lemonade life.

The leaves have become green with envy
 The sun beats down tickling me pink
 The sand that finds its way between my toes fights flip-flops
 Hot leather sticks with the windows down
 The music blares over the wind through my hair
 Lips chapped with salt and a freckled forehead
 Thoughts wander to the lyrics singing along to the season

—Ashley Foxen



—Shannon Skeens