

## **Eleni Mandell**

### **"Personal"**

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My eyes are the color  
Of martini olives  
I always drink two  
Never three

My hair is plain brown  
Once I was blond  
Yellow  
Not towheaded

I like to drink coffee  
With one cube of sugar  
Always with cream  
And never with milk

Only dark chocolate  
I really love summer  
I love to be warm  
I love to feel hopeful

Under the stars  
In Audrey's backyard  
Wanting for someone  
To kiss me

But someone would not  
And time's getting short  
The night's growing colder  
And I'm going home

We danced and we danced  
In my old apartment  
When everyone left  
Someone slept on the couch

I thought about love  
And how I love somebody else  
But is that enough?

Lining up memories  
Each one a hair  
At the edge of the mirror

I count and I stare

I wish that the quiet would end  
With a telephone ring  
Could a friend turn  
Into a different thing?

Laughing and laughing  
In my old apartment  
But that's not what lovers do  
They sigh and hope for the future

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