

## **Kevin Devine**

### **"A Billion Bees"**

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i found you grieving in the grass  
sky blood water color blue  
you seem so simple sure and sad  
so I sat down to grieve with you  
you raised your hand to shield your eyes  
i shifted left to block the sun  
you crossed your legs and cleared your throat  
i waited for you words to come  
but they slept soundly in your chest  
they never made it past your tongue  
so we sat silently and still  
we thought about the things wed done  
and all the people that we loved  
and all the people that we wronged  
i watched the years flash through your face  
locked my anger in my lungs  
so every breath stung more and more  
a wave of wips across my spine  
a billion bees trapped in my chest  
nails on chalkboard every time  
til i watched your fingers sneak towards mine  
i heard your breath go thing and short  
i tucked your hair behind your ears  
and watched your eyes dart back and forth  
i sucked your lip and bit your neck  
the trees were shaking at their roots  
my angry arms fell cool and calm  
my cotton mouth was well with you  
so we lay glowing in the grass  
to watch the sun swamp with the moon  
trade our future for our past  
present tense was all we knew

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