



Youth

Feeling that you shouldn't wear the same clothes you wore yesterday. Setting seven alarms every two minutes. Waiting for a reply that will never come.

Choosing fast food. Suddenly forgetting how to breathe. Walking down the street and hearing, "You dropped your covid." Begging for affection. Paring your nails to the quick once every two weeks. Feeling anxious one stop before getting off the bus. Avoiding eye contact. Putting earphones in your ears with no music. Hating that you can't completely hate your parents. Showing everything to strangers and

being wary of those you've known for a long time. Just getting hit by the falling rain. Finding a cat on the first floor of an apartment building. Being afraid to answer the phone. Running at full speed. Scrolling down Twitter's feed endlessly. Binge eating and vomiting. Missing someone you've never met. Watching yourself as an observer. Always being hungry. Wanting to talk and not wanting to talk at the same time. Watching street lights flicker. Drinking even though you know you will regret it. Complaining that everything is messed up. Charging your cell phone. Laughing in situations where you shouldn't laugh. Taking a shower for an hour. Pretending to love your lover. Living without dying. Counting the total number of exams left in your life. To imagine the worst of the angels. Running away. Having no money. Being sick for a week. Prefer cuddling over kissing. Feeling that life is like a boring low-budget movie. Buying books you won't read. Forgetting that time is passing and realizing that time is passing. Having nightmares.

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