

**M:** I didn't want this to happen.  
**F:** Neither did I.  
**F:** I wanted so badly to trust you.  
**S:** The air is thick. It isn't just smoke, it's tenseness.  
**M:** I didn't care about trust. Just love.  
**F:** I don't think you ever truly loved me.  
**S:** It never ends.  
**M:** When we arrived, it wasn't like this. It wasn't always like this.  
**F:** It was, you just didn't notice.  
**M:** I think you changed.  
**F:** I wonder if I hate you.  
**M:** What did you say?  
**F:** I'll follow you where you go.  
**S:** Air charges a specific way when there is no love in it.  
**M:** And where have we gone?  
**F:** You wake up in the night, grinding your teeth.  
**M:** Feeling you tense against me.  
**F:** I'm trying to stop crying.  
**S:** There is no love in the air.  
**M:** I'm taking care of you.  
**F:** I'm trying to take care of you.  
**F:** I support you.  
**M:** I support you.  
**M:** You would argue.  
**F:** You won't let me. I'm not allowed to think.  
**M:** I don't want the responsibility for you.  
**F:** You blame me.  
**S:** Sad, resigned anger.  
**F:** This is our house, our hovel.  
**M:** It is more mine than yours.  
**S:** Amazement at what can be dull and sharp all at once.  
**M:** I pulled you away from everything.  
**F:** I followed you.  
**M:** It is just you and I. I've destroyed your life.  
**F:** I gave up what I knew for what we could become.  
**S:** The silence and anger and worn-ness around. In.  
**M:** The stress on me is staggering.  
**F:** I share this space with you; I live with you.  
**M:** I can't breath.  
**F:** It's like living with a stranger.  
**S:** The collections of self, of two selves, of now surround and remind.  
**M:** I'm not happy with my life.  
**F:** I know.  
**M:** Our life.  
**F:** You blame me.  
**M:** I blame the situation.

**F:** You blame me.  
**M:** I don't like placing blame.  
**F:** No, you would rather do it passively.  
**M:** I go to work, I come home. I can't be responsible for you.  
**F:** I don't just sit around all day.  
**M:** I come home and we get high.  
**F:** I feel you wake up at night, when I'm crying.  
**M:** Getting high is the only thing I enjoy anymore.  
**S:** Touching doesn't happen.  
**F:** I feel you wake up at night, when I'm crying.  
**M:** You cry.  
**F:** Your body tenses and you hate me.  
**M:** It's more than I can handle. It isn't my fault.  
**F:** The bed is too small for us.  
**M:** I need space.  
**F:** The apartment is too small for us.  
**M:** Away.  
**S:** It's a delicate dance around the collection, figures moving with a grace normally bestowed upon dancers.  
**F:** I haven't stopped loving you.  
**M:** I am confused.  
**F:** I'm sharing a bed with someone who hates me.  
**M:** I don't hate you.  
**F:** You resent me.  
**M:** I loved you.  
**F:** I trusted you and you dropped me.  
**M:** It isn't my fault.  
**F:** I trusted you.  
**S:** Nothing needs to be said.  
**M:** You painted the place white right when we moved in.  
**F:** The walls were a dingy yellow.  
**M:** Less dreary you said.  
**F:** I thought it would feel more like home.  
**S:** A combination of their identities, a Jekyll and Hyde.  
**M:** We had too much shit.  
**F:** You had too much shit.  
**M:** It blocked the walls.  
**F:** Your junk is everywhere.  
**M:** It makes me feel more trapped.  
**F:** Claustrophobic.  
**S:** Not a Jekyll and Hyde, it implies a good and bad.  
**M:** The blinded windows were even worse.  
**F:** You wanted the blinds.  
**M:** I wanted the world to stay out.  
**F:** You were paranoid about neighbors seeing us smoke.  
**S:** All that exists is resentment.

**M:** I want privacy.

**F:** I have stayed. For you. For us. I stayed.

**M:** It has made me feel more trapped.

**F:** I keep going back for more.

**M:** I'm trying to get away from you.

**S:** It isn't even clear what one will do when the other leaves.

**F:** I would like to tell you to leave, to get out of my life.

**M:** You can't.

**F:** To stop blaming me for your failures, your routine.

**S:** Who will get what. How one will become two.

**M:** There is nowhere for me to go.

**F:** But then what would we have? What would I have?

**S:** Neither will leave.

**M:** I can't leave you but I can't stay. I can't cope.

**F:** I wish I felt strong enough to stop blaming you.

**S:** They are weak, dependent and unhappy.

**M:** I can't love you anymore it seems.

**F:** I wish I felt something. Even hate.

**S:** And so it goes. Love without trust.