

# SHAREHOUSE



10 poems



# PART ONE: *PERTH*



Today 9:15 am

I am so hungover

I am a helpless baby



## **off ramp**

in search of freedom,  
we walk all the way  
from the city  
to west leederville

there are men on the bridge  
pissing onto the freeway  
at 2am

cars dragging below  
into the black

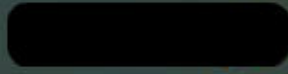
the bar was loud  
tonight, we waited  
hours in the courtyard  
for something to happen

and i threw a bottle,  
smashed it,  
outside the station.

amber glass, like  
the clear brown tannins  
of the river

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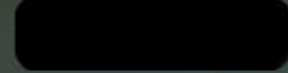
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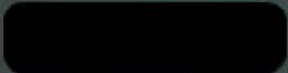
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Just saying



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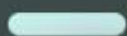
I mean best mind and best legs in the antipodes



now

Mate you are su j a babe

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now

Hey, I was just thinking about you,  
I was listen to Sufian Stevens and  
ever since you, [redacted] and I went to  
that secret park and listened to s...

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## **russell square**

it's the end of uni  
so we decide to take MD,  
decide to *hit the clubs*

there's one tab left over  
so we cut it in half  
with a smartrider

i can't wait to be a graduate  
just like dustin hoffman  
i'll have so much sex now

the whole world is opening up,  
i am going to stroke the world really softly  
and then use my tongue

in the park later we lie on the ground and text

it's dark and the grass is moist  
and the dirt is black

we stare at your mood ring  
which is stuck on indigo

across the road is a quentin tarantino themed bar

it plays pulp fiction music and meanwhile  
you try and do a cartwheel

sinking in the grass and crying  
in a \$250 gorman dress

it's like

everything is funny and then it isn't  
and then it is again



< Messages

Group

Details

To:



are either of you awake

something crazy has happened



I'm awake but I'm at the club



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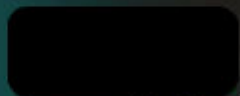
↑ Z X C V B N M ↵

123



space

return



now

I can't believe I just paid 12.50 for  
a magazine with Channing Tatum  
on the cover

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## **takeaway thai food**


you push me up against a wall. i say, thank you.  
thanks a lot. we kiss. it is a sexy situation, or it would be  
if i was a really beautiful girl. which i am not, nor  
are you. the wall failed a rental inspection recently,  
i tore paint off it when i ripped a poster away too fast. on the  
windowsill there are flowers. tilting downwards.  
push my head back too fast and it will hurt. i am fall  
ing in love! in love! why won't  
you just listen

6:54

Friday 25 September

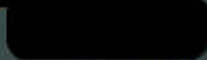


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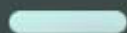
To you &   
sorry for being late  
slide to reply



 3m ago

To you &   
my uber has a sunroof

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## **rowlands street**

we woke up in bed together  
but still had our clothes on

i'd just moved in and was embarrassed  
that I hadn't decorated the room yet

just the mattress and books  
and a portable fan going zrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

i wanted to be beautiful the way  
one object in a museum is beautiful

contextualised by the other objects,  
my era and tastes known

it was hot it was summer and we weren't  
quite sure yet

i left you sleeping and tip toed  
out into the hall

## **AMARETTO**

- 1. it's your birthday and your parents are paying for us to go to jamie's italian for dinner**
- 2. i FUCKING LOVE JAMIE'S ITALIAN**
- 3. fuck**
- 4. your dad leaves you a voicemail message that's so funny**
- 5. it's like "hi son i'm just calling in regards to your happy birthday"**
- 6. dads**
- 7. love them**
- 8. i wear a long velvet skirt i'm wearing a long velvet skirt to jamie's italian cos i'm a fancy girl**
- 9. we drink champagne and we get an uber to jamie's italian**
- 10. the best restaurant in perth and possibly all of australia**
- 11. it's owned by the naked chef jamie oliver himself**
- 12. the jamie oliver from the tv shows and cookbooks you know and love**
- 13. this is jamie oliver's world and we're just living in it**
- 14. and i for one am proud to feed and be fed by the jamie oliver industrial complex**
- 15. at jamie's italian we firstly enjoy some expensive red wine**
- 16. the kind of wine we would order if we were, say, mid tier businessmen**
- 17. or hollywood movie directors filming in perth due to budget constraints**
- 18. then we are escorted from the bar area to our dining table which i must say is very well situated**
- 19. yes, i can tell we are in for a pleasant evening indeed**
- 20. before looking at the menu i go to the toilet which is one of my favourite jamie's italian activities**
- 21. they have these fake vintage toilets it's so funny**
- 22. like these copper antique toilets**
- 23. honestly, it's wild**
- 24. it's deluxe**
- 25. it's what we all deserve out of every toilet experience**
- 26. back at the table things are getting out of hand quickly**
- 27. we order cocktails**
- 28. we order every type of bread**
- 29. bread is a jamie's italian specialty**
- 30. this is because in italy, bread is a delicacy**
- 31. we want to order squid ink pasta**
- 32. which is the fanciest pasta**
- 33. and it's your birthday**
- 34. but there is a debate as to whether squid ink pasta is vegetarian**
- 35. probably the squid gets to live, right**
- 36. it's like milking a cow**
- 37. inking a squid**
- 38. anyway we get pumpkin tortellini instead**

39. and a PLANK which is what they call a tasting plate at jamie's italian
40. literally a plank of wood which they balance on two tins of canned tomatoes
41. it's a rustic tuscan farmhouse aesthetic, very on brand
42. fun fact jamie oliver actually eats every meal on a plank of wood balanced on his wife's two breasts
43. his wife's name is jools i know this because i follow the official jamie oliver instagram account
44. which i recommend doing by the way
45. some hot tips on there
46. the jamie's italian dessert menu has five desserts and we get them all
47. we order coffee too and we add amaretto to it
48. according to the jamie's italian drinks menu, amaretto is "an artisanal almond liqueur"
49. honestly i recommend putting some in your next long black you will see god
50. jamie's italian is LIT
51. we are on FIRE we ask the waitress to sign our napkins
52. we steal a cast iron teapot by bundling it in your jumper
53. jamie would want us to have this teapot
54. he really would
55. such a nice guy
56. we pay the bill which has come to over \$300
57. a bargain
58. and then go home to watch movies in bed
59. i start throwing up about ten minutes into bridget jones' diary
60. during the christmas party scene which is one of the best in the film
61. i love jamie oliver and i love life



12:07

Friday 13 November



**Messenger** 10m ago

[REDACTED]: MISSY ELLIOT  
HAS RETURNED

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# PART TWO: *MELBOURNE*

●●●●● Vodafone AU 8:52 am

**M** Daily Mail  
MailOnline Yesterday at 12:40 pm · 🌐

How FOMO can damage your liver



**Do YOU suffer FOMO? It could be hurting your liver**  
dailym.ai

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## **the hotel is crowded for a monday night**

approaching the bar  
i ask for the cheapest beer  
and the blonde girl smiles

i have such small hands  
and I wonder does the pint  
look awkward in them

the evening slants  
towards its own end  
soon enough, and

on the tram home one man  
turns to another, says  
*get hit, don't quit, that's it*

we live in the oldest suburb  
in a million dollar house  
we can't ever buy, where

i wake up to you  
and the cars pulsing  
up alexandra parade

your body is something  
i keep having  
until I don't have it, and well

the city is too, something  
to know for some seconds only  
while reaching up deep inside

●●●●○ vodafone AU 📶 2:43 pm



23 February

5:05 pm

Edit

There is a big sign that says AT LAST, A UNI THAT TEACHES YOU HOW TO THINK, NOT WHAT TO THINK

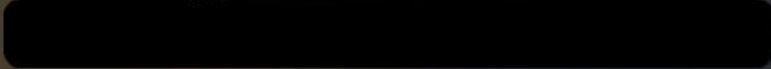

little do they know all I've ever wanted is for someone to tell me what to think

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Monday 29 February

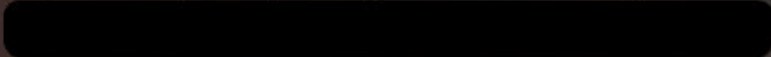
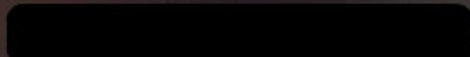


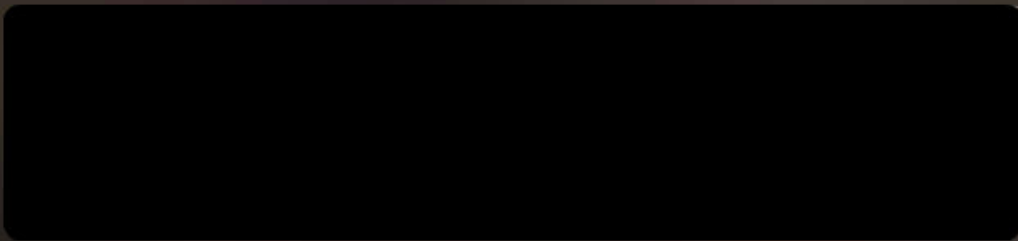
**Messenger** now

  
: are you seeing your drug boyfriend today  
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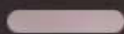


**Messenger** 2m ago

  
: I'm beautiful and powerful



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## **edamame**

everyone knows the right way  
to eat sushi here

living on cobbled streets  
feels like a joke

the suburbs are football teams  
and therefore they cannot be real

i'm tired and want to go back  
to the provinces

< Recent (5) [redacted] >

waaaaaaaah



new fuckin policy: i will only consider men who were raised rurally or semi-rurally as sexual prospects



Type a message...

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## **parry's beach**

sometimes like when someone  
kisses me really hard i go back

to camping near the sand,  
tent zips that clung to the wind.

walking up to the ocean  
with the dog in white new sun,

the air would still be cold  
and you'd talk about politics.

it never really feels better,  
just further and further away

4:23

Sunday 20 March

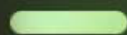


now

Touch each other's hearts, not  
each other's parts! ~ 2016

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## **You told me I was the only girl you wanted to make lunch for**

Perhaps soon we will say  
what we actually mean.  
I like the hairs  
on your back, the way  
cheap supermarket pasta  
takes so long to cook.  
There is more time then  
to stand by the stove.  
Kiss by the rangehood and  
untie aprons. When you  
work part time, the middle  
of the day is a well  
to fall down, and we fall  
together as though we mean to  
do things this way.  
The pasta is almost soft. I will  
grip you now. 2pm sunlight  
makes everything still  
and white, there is fresh  
basil waiting to be plucked  
in the garden. To be simple  
is so unlikely.

Delivered

Yes. Texting sucks i want to kiss you

Night!

Message

Q W E R T Y U I O P  
A S D F G H J K L  
↑ Z X C V B N M ↵  
123 🌐 🗣️ space return

## **melbourne (bitter)**

if you lift up my shirt in the middle of the afternoon  
and I stop thinking about the pacific solution or centrelink  
or millennials or opinion pieces the coffee I drank

this morning, the way your hair felt the first time I touched it,  
rent, cars just totally unceasing even at 2am and going crazy  
in this city so loud, missing north perth, house parties, sex

and the fact that somewhere somehow the pots are \$2.50  
and basic spirits are \$4, a dog is winning a best dog contest  
while a couple kisses for the first time not even awkwardly

carlton gardens and the 96 not the 86, courtney barnett songs  
but not the ones that make too many melbourne references,  
spending all afternoon in a gallery walking totally silent, and alone

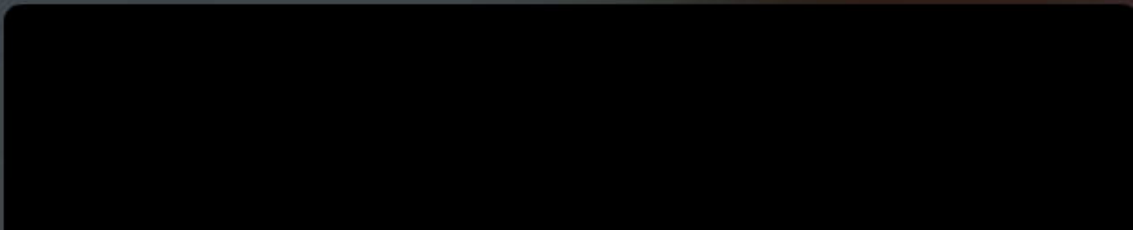
then I become pure and still, a three chord song, voluntarily  
basic, the trial version of my own software, and it feels awesome,  
like seeing a mountain from the window of a bus moving pretty slowly.



1h ago

I want to do road trips and listen to red hot chilli peppers with you

slide to reply



## **bruce street**

it's sunny in brunswick  
like no other suburb

quiet here, even  
when the neighbours play  
their music loud

possums in the trees,  
supermarket open til midnight

i did not expect you,  
nor did i expect the rain



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