

## LIFE AS WE KNOW IT (FAMILY)

What to do, what to say...  
I love you too: Don't go away!

He betrayed.  
Restrained.  
"Let her go,  
freaking let her go!"  
Shoo, fly, go away!  
He never came back,  
Not another day.

My Mom, they don't belong.  
Too strong of a woman, yes we abandoned.  
Glamorous.  
Dust to dust, and a horse is a horse.  
Let me be, let us be family of three:  
M---  
Mechelle  
N---.

Miracles of dancing in the wind,  
Country's sin.  
We live, so no choice but to let them happen.

White to black:  
The scene plays, happy days turn  
Misty haze.  
I smoke and roll.  
I can't take it, I'm not over it.  
Please, come back.  
Daddy, I miss you!  
Just don't hurt us!

I'm scared, by far the worst. My heart thrust.  
Please, just be you, do you know how this  
Show is supposed to go?  
Damn it, these drugs ruined the family,  
Apart more...  
Is like living with the Lochness. A mess.

We're supposed to be happy:  
Us four, not three!  
We're a family, a part of me  
Where'd it all go?

Blank, soundless, a nothing fest.  
Because I'm in a dream, a Gladys fiend.  
Nothing is real  
Because this is my life,  
he left,  
we wept.

Dead and gone out of our lives.  
This poet, just don't know it.  
She's outta her mind trying to find the one  
Who don't pound the blood of the giving tree.

Just please go, because  
I don't know what I want.  
    This is life as we know it.  
    Embrace it and show it.

– *Michelle G.*