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Boom

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Shotguns sound from the throats of classmates,
“freak”
“dyke”

Slurs,
slung like hammers
demolishing any self-pride
I had mustered up
just to show
my face
at school today.

“Fucking faggot.”

I duck into a bathroom stall
waiting for the halls to clear
finally reach my desk
as I mend
my wounds
from their words.

my state of mind
is anything
but healed.

I'm thinking... today cold steel could ease my pain.

The jokes were never ending.
I stopped feeling safe.
Today.
they keyed “lesbian” into my car.

Today.
they spat in my face
told me to
wipe off my mascara.

Today.
I found death threats
in my notebook.

Today.

I found out
I can fit in a locker.

What do you do with a box of bullets when you only need one?

Raped.
They think they can fix me.

Beaten down
every time
I walk home.

I can't even really go home.
The door is never open for me.
My mother always wanted a princess,
All she sees in me,
is a dragon.

I was never the popular jock
my father wanted.
When he looks at me
he thinks “faggot.”

So why leave a note, when nobody ever cared?

It's not like I had any true friends.

Harassment helps 28% of LGBT teens give up on education

Nobody cares about who I am.

Teachers ignore homophobic insults 97% of the time.

Maybe I deserved every dirty slur.

LGBTQ youth are 4-5 times more likely to experience severe depression.

The weight in my hand is nothing compared to the weight in my chest.

There is no place for me, this world doesn't want me.

1 in 4 homeless youth identify as LGBTQ. who come out of the closet get tossed onto the street

Maybe I should just leave.

LGBTQ teens are 2-3 times more likely to commit suicide than their straight peers.

I hate everything I am.

3 LGBTQ teens commit suicide every day.

Billy Lucas, age 15
Asher Brown, age 13
Cody Barker, age 17
Chloe Lacey, age 19

Tyler Clementi, age 18
Samantha Johnson, age 13
Aiyisha Hassan, age 19
Harrison Brown, age 15
Seth Welsh, age 13
Raymond Chase, age 19
Brandon Elizares, age 16
Phillip Parker, age 14
Zach Harrington, age 19
Jamey Rodemeyer, age 14
Jack Reese, age 17

Nothing is more inviting now than shiny steel shaking as it sets against my temple.

I don't understand why I was born a fuck-up
Why it had to be me that no one would love
Why the only thing that shined in my life,
Was a hand gun.

So.
Boom.
That's it.

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