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like the stars that litter the sky
glistening only till they burn out
and forever isn't long enough
because no time can make you see me
the comfort hug
with warmth and love
oozing out of every pore
has been dried out..
left for dead
the constant reminder
that you don't love me
forever
forever
echoing promising that there is time
the hands spin out of control
and the clock that used to be hopeful clicks
are the suffocating blows
taking every breath out of me
do you know what it's like to know you aren't
loved
that you are a disappointment?
that you deserve nothing?
when you look out onto the crowd
the faces of excitement for your very
accomplishment
shattered for there is no familiarity about it

families are forever.
until it rips you away from your home
and the father who used to come home at night
stopped
the face disappearing for years
drifting to the back of reality
the mother who hates
because she is sad that she sees me
that i am the very image of her and him
and the fact that their names could ever form such
a ugly thing
is what drips from her mouth as she stares in
disgust
imprinted and stained
me
so please tell me how long forever is
because the constant clock that won't stop moving
forward
is loosening every screw that can hold me together
that if i had known people love each other
then maybe i wouldn't be like this
maybe i would be happy
or know love
or not be a disappointment
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