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## **You Wanted a Beach Day**

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## You Wanted a Beach Day

### Author Bio

Athena is working towards a career as a book editor with the goal of helping underrepresented/hidden voices and stories get heard by the people who need them

# YOU WANTED A BEACH DAY ATHENA EDWARDS

You wanted a beach day  
Took for granted my tame shores  
But found its not the same anymore  
Your lies no longer hang like banners  
Decorating my thoughts and distracting from the view  
And rage-cut seashells await your next misstep  
The shattered, battered fragments of my trust  
Turned into obstacles by your own inaction  
A storm was brewing  
But you thought you could ignore it  
A passing storm, nothing more  
It must have shocked you  
You wanted a beach day  
But the beach proved it wasn't yours anymore

## Author Statement

"Anyone who knows me knows that the ocean is a great passion of mine—as a marine biology undergraduate, as a high school competitive swimmer, as a practicing pagan, and as an early-established 'water baby.' So it's no surprise that the beach and the ocean tend to make their way into most of my poems as a metaphor for things I am going through in life. 'You Wanted a Beach Day' was about a close friendship that ended recently, and I drew on the duality of how a beach day may present itself in different conditions to show that broken bond."