

Orphan

woke up alone, again.
move in day by yourself, again.
ramen and toast for dinner, again.
no thermometer for the fever, again.
too tired to go to the grocery store, again.
too hungry to leave your bed, again.
too afraid to go to the post office, again.
stayed inside, again.
remembered your parents are dead, again.
started crying in class for no reason, again.
flinched when someone said mom, again.
lied when a stranger asked where your dad
lived, again.
said he lived in pakistan, again.
said your mom lived in new york, again.
used present tense when referring to them, again.
said they *are* doctors, again.
said yes, they are so proud of me, again.
walked home alone, again.
ate ice cream for lunch, again.
laid in bed alone, again.
didn't write today, again.
didn't shower today, again.
didn't read today, again.
couldn't do anything today, again.
dreamt the stars fell from the sky, again.
dreamt the grass turned to fire, again.
dreamt god raked his fingers through the earth, again
saw your dad waiting at the bus stop, again.
woke up alone, again.