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ADRIANNA PONCE

I could lay on his chest for hours
Planting kisses like flowers

Her lips left rings of red targets
She had him by years
Spreading lies like droplets

Delicate hands trace scarred lines
A mind full of land mines

She made no space for anything else
Strings held him tight
His mind became his prison cell

Our hands tangled together
Trying to keep warm from the weather

Stained sheets entangled drenched bodies
Isolated from family and friends
He was nothing more than a zombie

His arms encircled my waist
I could feel his heart begin to race

He had to find pleasure in the pain
Loneliness engulfed him
She made herself his cure and his bane

He said he had baggage
I told him loving him was a privilege