

Ocean's Tides

POETRY

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Small windows of opportunity
We get to be close
I worry that when I've left here
You'll lose memory of my face

I've never been one to idle well
Fake dates and hand-made concoctions
Recipes for disaster because I can't sit still
I'm too tired to run, but will you meander with me?

I give you permission to move on
In whatever way you please
I do not have to be your number one
You are allowed to forget my name ■