

my mothers daughter

to be my mother's daughter/ my greatest vain and vanity/ to take pride in my brilliance/ believe in my insignificance/ i will love you, too hard until my lungs give out/ will love you until your breathing stops/ down pillow over your head and i will mistake your flailing limbs for attempted hugs/ i will fall for people who don't deserve me/ will always commit myself to those who don't believe in me/ will always love more than i am loved

i will perform open heart surgery on myself/ give you what you need born from my own flesh/ and when my scars sting i will crawl into your arms/ i will cry and beg you to wipe my tears and/ beg you to give me back the parts of me i gave to you when you didn't ask

my mother's daughter/ my mother who taught me right from wrong/ who taught me I'm never wrong/ who believes she's never wrong so now *we're* never wrong even when one of us is/ i will disappear for weeks at a time and blame you for leaving me/ i'm sorry im so much/ i'm sorry i'm bad/ i'm sorry i'm evil/ i'm a disappointment to me too

i am my mother's daughter/ when i break it's in a thousand pieces/ and so she taught me to never break/ my father and I make eye contact over my mother's head/ roll our eyes at her ignorance/ insignificance/ unimportance/ i wonder why i believe i am unimportant too/ a 20-yr old's daughter/ her hopes and dreams wrapped up inside of a body too small to carry it/ i am destined to become all that she is/ cursed to become everything she never could

i am my mother/ my mother is me