

CONTENTS

*

3	At Home
4	Outlaw
6	Freedom Isn't Free
7	The Only Thing
8	After My Mother Apologized for My Childhood, We Went to Brunch
9	Pray the Gay Away
10	Outside the Lines
12	Something Had to Make Them That Way
13	Fuck off, Sharon
14	A Private Education
15	My Father Gets in My Face
16	More to the Story
18	Blast
19	Stone Jesus
20	Maybe My Mother Had So Much Stuff Because She Was Lonely
21	My Father Was Frank O'Hara
22	Mom in Casket I Picked Out
23	What Is That Song You Sing for the Dead?
24	April, 1986
25	Truth

*

- 29 First Word
30 Stop Lying
31 A Lonely Heart Is Ruthless
32 God Is Not Mocked
34 Reprobate
35 I Never Went Back
37 He Lied
38 My 1990s
41 Nothing Changed
44 For God Hath Not Given Us the Spirit of Fear
45 I Get Lonely
46 Stupid Beauty
47 Untitled
48 Plathoholic: A Party Game
50 Revision
51 How to Describe What It Felt Like
53 twentysomething
54 A Friend Says You Can Promise the Dying Anything
55 Last Ocean

*

- 59 Literal
61 Three Months Before She Died We Went to Dollywood
62 The World of Men
64 I'm Glad We Don't Know
66 When We Know My Mother Will Never Wake up Again
67 Billy
68 My Father Asks Me for a Buzz Cut
69 Afterlife

70	What If Tonight Is the Night You Figure Out the Math Equation
71	Happy Ending
72	Last Word
73	Some Days Everything I Do I Do
74	My Father's Father
75	Most People Live in Ugly Houses
76	I'm Not Making This Up
77	Family Text
78	Letter to My Sister
80	Holiday
81	Fourteen Mondays

*

85	Anniversary
87	Notes
89	Acknowledgments