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Too Small

Shuffling feet and running water
Goosebumps from cold
Under water warmer than a lightning strike
Inability to be anything less than ice
Ribs poking out like grass reaching towards a summer sun
The mirror's reflection larger than life
And the one reflected hating what is seen

It's Just Late

An alarm clock lying unneeded by a bed
Waking several hours before the sun,
Unable to follow it to bed
Bags under eyes,
Skillfully covered

Flutter

Heartbeat beating too fast,
A bomb counting down to massive destruction
Thoughts racing past the speed of light
Breath caught in a cage made of ribs
Shaking hands
Jittery legs
And stuttering, incoherent speech

Pink Triangles

The boy down the street with the nice smile
And ocean eyes
The parents whose brows knit when you walk by
Because your pants are too tight
The kids at school
Screaming words your parents never taught you
Because girls are nice, but you'd rather have boys

Wrong Parts

A constant sense of not belonging
Like the one you get when your dream was just that
Dresses where there should be jeans
Short hair instead of braids and fancy updos
Broken ribs better than a broken spirit

Lace Made by Red Ribbons

Something old and rusty
Something shiny new
A piece of twine, and shoelace too
A chamber full, but empty soon