

MONSTERS

BEFORE

KISSES MEANT LOVE AND HANDS DIDN'T SCARE AND
WALKING TO SCHOOL BY YOURSELF WAS FUN – BUT
DON'T STAY OUT AFTER DARK, AFTER DARK
IS WHEN THE MONSTERS COME OUT.

BIG COATS AND BIG CARS AND HIDDEN EYES
STAY AWAY FROM THEM WALK FASTER WHEN
THEY CALL AT YOU DO NOT TALK TO THEM DON'T
DON'T DON'T GET INTO THE CAR.

BUT THEY DIDN'T WARN YOU THAT THE MONSTERS
WOULD BE OUT IN THE DAYTIME
THAT THEY DIDN'T ALWAYS WEAR THEIR SKINS
THAT THEY WOULD SMILE AND GIVE YOU PRETTY
WORDS AND PRETTY THINGS
THEY DIDN'T WARN YOU THAT THE MONSTERS LIVED NEXT
DOOR.

SO WHEN HE IS TALL AND CLEAR EYED AND HIS
SMILE IS WARM
YOU FOLLOW HIM TO HIS CAR
AND THERE ISN'T MONSTER IN YOUR MIND THERE IS
ONLY FRIEND
UNTIL THE STREETS HE DRIVES THROUGH BECOME UNFA-
MILIAR
AND WHEN HE SMILES HIS TEETH ARE SHARP.