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## **Mike Meraz: Seven Poems**

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You are a Matisse Painting I am a 18th century Sculpture We are two Pieces of Art One quiet As stone The other Filling the room With Color. \*\*\* The body Has the grace Enough To start Over You get Drunk Wake up

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## Hung over

But by mid Afternoon You are feeling Okay again A girl smiles At you Two weeks After Your girlfriend Breaks up With you Things Get Better. \*\*\* She put garlic In her **Burritos** And didn't Heat the Tortilla Up She knew I Liked Mexican Food But this wasn't Mexican Food I sat and ate Gratefully As I was Hungry We dated 3 More Months But then we Called it Quits

The burrito Thing was A sign

Each man Needs to Be loved A certain Way.

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Your happiness Is now based On another Human being. Good Luck.

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I can come over For two hours She said

Ok I said

She came We argued We can never have A decent Conversation She said

I'm sorry I said I get too Emotional With you

I'll come over This week She said And we'll watch A movie

Sounds good I said

We were better

At Cuddling Anyway.

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She walked into my room And said, "I like the way You have your room set up, Very minimalist."

It was the first time I realized my writing style Was my lifestyle:

A bed A coffee pot A pillow A smile You A large brown couch A small fridge A desk TV Night table And of course Me Sitting Quietly.

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I played Li Po Locked into my Zen Drank wine And read And didn't fill spaces That didn't need to be filled And now she is On top of me Weeping Again.

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