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THE LOVE GAME

A SPOKEN WORD

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Dramatis Personae

Pawn/ Queen I

Pawn/ Queen II

Chorus

Pawn I

When I was nine, my mother told me,
“games are for children,”
as she smeared bright red lipstick across her
mouth just the way he liked it.

Pawn II

I can't remember when I started playing the
game with stacked dices.

They said the rules are easy, but I don't like
rules that's why I became a poet.

Pawn I

But I played the game despite myself
as many others do,
and these rules became infused into my DNA.

Chorus

Dating necessity's to abide by:

Pawn I

Don't text him first you'll seem desperate.

Pawn II

And put on make up to hide imperfections.

Pawn I

Don't dress like a prude but don't dress like a slut.

Pawn II

Drink only two drinks cause no one likes a drunk.

Pawn I

Laugh at his jokes even when they're not funny.

Pawn II

Don't sleep with him on the first date honey.

Pawn I

Reach for the check but don't ever pay.

Pawn II

An injection a day keeps the infidelity away.

Pawn I

Don't speak your mind because he doesn't
mind what you speak.

Pawn II

When mad give him the silent treatment
for a week.

Pawn I

And when he comes home always
have dinner ready.

Pawn II

But go on a diet because he won't like you heavy.

Pawn I

The bigger the ring the better the marriage.

Pawn II

When he messes up hold his faults as leverage.

Pawn I

Don't tell him the truth because
he doesn't want to know.

Pawn II

And when you cry don't ever let it show.

Chorus

And we wonder why

Pawn I

After ten years, we don't recognize
the person sitting across the table
as we are drafting out the divorce.

Chorus

Check.

Pawn II

Because the rules have become so
engrained in our brain
that they became social norms.

Pawn I

People brush them off as harmless necessities

Chorus

with no need for reform
but,

Pawn I

What about the girl more concerned
over her relationship status
than what she thinks.

Pawn II

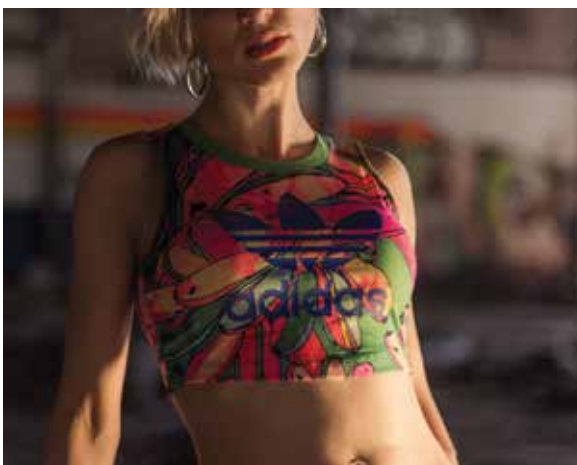
What about the guy who spends his tuition
on a date with a girl
only in it for the drinks.

Pawn I

How about my friend dating the guy
with his bases loaded
his wife at the home plate.

Chorus

Check.



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Pawn II

And the girl starving herself at dinner time
because she's worried about her weight.

Pawn I

Or the girl too afraid to leave a man that hits
her because she's afraid to lose something.

Pawn II

Don't forget the man that cries at night
because he feels
he's worth nothing.

Chorus

These are just misconceptions of the definitions
that we know nothing about.

The meaning of love can't be defined by rules
written by people who haven't lived them out.
Check.

Pawn I

But we continue to play until we are used,
bruised and fused to hate,

Chorus

And people like us are just muses of the love game.
We're done.

Check.

Queen I

Do not pass go.

Queen II

Do not collect 200 dollars.

Queen I

Because my mother once told me
games are for children.

Chorus

And we're not kids anymore.
Check mate.



CHRISTINE Alfred Long