

## TRIPTYCH IN TEXT MESSAGES

When they text: *can u call me later? no pressure,*  
I text: 🌞👁️👍<sup>1</sup>; delete: I really want to hear ur voice, and, if u died, would someone tell me? Would I know? Text: this year my friends r dying in my dreams; receive: *I wish that I could squeeze u from existence.* Text: “*quel rêve.*”<sup>2</sup>  
When they text *feeling 9/10 gay 2day*, text back lol; text 🌟👁️👍<sup>3</sup>; text dread. Type:

I was serious, abt the dying, but delete it; receive *I hope ur lucid, well.* Type drugs, delete drugs. Type illness, delete illness. I’m blurry & depleted, delete; delete: I’m worried neither of us r ok. Content warning. Send. My self is creeping from my body. Send. Receive *dysphoria* 👉; 👈 text dysphoria; transmeme.jpg; pls keep yr body safe so I can 🌟<sup>3</sup> it. Receive: *voice.mp3*

When they text *I want to see you IRL*, text—I want us out of IRL; want to swallow my own face.

Sext: what does it mean to share your body? What does it mean if I don’t know? Our shared trauma

shares language, meaning, text: I have 2 own, 2 have.

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<sup>1</sup> sunny eggy thumbs up emoji: I want to make you happy

<sup>2</sup> what a dream: I wish that I could exit from existence

<sup>3</sup> “luv” meaning “love” without the shame