

**The word “random” is entirely over-used**

“this, ladies and gentleman, is america,” he said  
i’ve never seen a no. 3 or no. 1 pencil  
she says, “does that make sense?” a lot,  
and she almost always makes sense  
i like the way that ice looks floating black on the surface of a chilled coffee drink  
freshly-printed papers smell a lot like freshly-cooked noodles  
frustrated with analyses, interpretations  
today, can’t we just soak in the beauty?  
she used to write MIW on her hand to **make it work**  
but he never closes the twizzler box all the way  
american flies are lazy, he said  
too tired to have a birthday  
i tell myself it’s just pms  
but we agreed that love makes you act like a jackass

-Amy Vaerewyck

