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Falling Hard: 100 Love Poems By Teenagers

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Falling Hard: 100 Love Poems By Teenagers, edited by Betsy Franco (Candlewick, 978-0-7636-3437-7), is a collection of expres-sive and mature poems about the pain and pleasure of teenage love. With references to music, mythology, Shakespeare, and other subjects from the high school curriculum, the poems explore beauty and sex in language both abstract and frank. *Falling Hard* helps move po-etry from textbooks to the modern world and demonstrates how it can be used as a form of expression even outside the classroom.

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