

Hero

February 9th. I forgot to buy the chicken
for your dinner party.
I told you a chicken joke
and you forgave me.

April 7th. I broke your favourite vase
during a bout of resented dusting.
I found another one online.
You cried when it arrived.

June 19th. I came home drunk
while your mother was visiting.
I bought your mother flowers and
you kissed the top of my head.

April 20th. The dog ran away
after I'd forgotten to lock the gate.
I found him at 3am in the rain.
You called me your hero.

November 11th. You died.
I don't know what to do.