

Your Love Like a Ghostly Glow
a cento from the 2026 Robert W. King Poetry Awards

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| You saved too many feelings for later. | (Caleb Aldridge) |
| You made me feel like a ghost | (Vivika Rivera) |
| because there are some things you cannot learn alone, | (Elliot Smith) |
| like the cherries' red juice staining my shirt that summer day | (Jessica Hernandez) |
| on my skin like ink I never asked for. | (Madison Murphy) |
| So effortless, the spectacle that's grown repetitive | (Elena Miranda Campisi) |
| the way a pen clicks, the pattern in a ceiling tile, a line out of place – | (Toby Cain) |
| again it pieces back together but falls right back apart. | (Jax Ramirez) |
| I'm the reason it was a cold season – | (Michael Yacobelli) |
| thin silver strings and glistening streets | (Jasmine Cisneros Quezada) |
| <i>swaying in the wind.</i> | (Nehema W. Gatherer) |
| While you drift, cherish the ground; it carries your weight without a word. | (Kato Lee Gomez) |
| Stay – your way of being is what drew me close. | (Alan K. Leyva) |
| & now you think through. You slowly grow, & now you glow. | (Isabella Negrete) |