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The feeling of TV static runs through my body
I'm filling my pages with nonsense
Watching the clock
Its ticking noise pounding in my head like a drum
Tick tock
The time reads 1:07
Time doesn't really exist though
My whole body aches with dysmorphia
Learning that words have no meaning
Tick tock
My whole life has become a lie
I feel like a factory misprint
Staring at the imaginary numbers written on the board
I'm sweating through my shorts
Tick tock
My phone chimes again
"We are all specs of dust in the grand scheme of things"
Calluses growing thicker on my hands
My grip tightened on my pen
Tick tock
Forcing myself to be self-aware just to feel something
I swear that I spend every day writing the same things
I can't breathe anymore
My throat is closing
Tick tock
My mind is thinking faster
Than the speed of my bouncing leg
I've lost touch with my senses
Numbers aren't real and neither are words

Femininity



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Through Canvas