**Superhero Man**  
*(CARA, JIMMY)*

CARA

Okay, aluminum and sulfur?

JIMMY

Okay. Aluminium is thirteen.

CARA

And it’s weight?

JIMMY

Uhh, twenty… eight?

CARA

That’s silicon

JIMMY

Dammit. Wait, silicon is fourteen so that would make aluminum about...

CARA

*(Assisting)* Twenty si-

JIMMY

Twenty six point nine eight!

CARA

There it is. And is that lighter or heavier than sulfur?

JIMMY

I think it’s lighter.

CARA

Right, cause how heavy is sulfur?

JIMMY

… I don’t know.
CARA
Yes you do. Come on, remember your mnemonic devices.

JIMMY
I don’t have one for sulfur.

CARA
Well let’s make one. Let’s use the “s” from sulfur to remember sixteen which is it’s number. And then we’ll times sixteen by two to get the rounded weight.

JIMMY
Yeah, whatever.

CARA
Cool. So how about iron and krypton?

JIMMY
Okay, so um… krypton. Well Superman first appeared in Action Comics in 1938. Thirty-eight minus two is thirty-six. Krypton is number thirty-six.

CARA
Really? That’s really your mnemonic?

JIMMY
What?

CARA
So you can remember when the first Superman comic book was released but can’t remember how heavy sulfur is?

JIMMY
Well technically, it wasn’t the first Superman comic. He didn’t get his own series until 1939. I’m sure with a mnemonic device or two, you could remember.

CARA
Cute. Okay nerd, what about weight. How heavy’s krypton?
Well Superman II with Terence Stamp as Zod was released in 1980 and that abomination of a second sequel was released in 1983 so eighty point eighty-three.

Close, but no dice.

Really? Oh, it’s eighty-three point eighty. It’s like the same thing.

And the nobel prize in biochemistry goes to Jimmy Bartha.

(He stands) Thank you, thank you so much everybody. I couldn’t have done any of it without the smart, strong and staggeringly beautiful Cara Ellis. Let’s give her a hand-

Sit down you idiot. Is that you trying to flirt with me again?

You know it’s never gonna stop, right?

And you know I’m your T.A., right?

Yeah, I already depend on you. Maybe we could, you know- depend on each other. You and I would make quite the team.

Okay, buddy. How about you put down your comic books once in a while, actually work at getting through college and then maybe we’ll talk. Let’s move on.

I KNOW YOU THINK THAT I’M JUST A KID
AND I’M NOT RIGHT FOR YOU
I KNOW YOU WISH THAT THE THINGS I DID  
WERE FAR LESS GEEKY TOO

BUT I MIGHT BE  
MORE THAN YOU SEE  
SO POWERFUL,  
NON-FICTIONAL

I KNOW YOU FANCY YOURSELF AS ONE  
WHO'S CONFIDENT AND SMART  
WHO ISN'T EASY TO BE OUTDONE  
BUT HAS A GENTLE HEART

BUT YOU AND ME  
COMBINED COULD BE  
A TEAM SO STRONG  
LIKE FROM A COMIC BOOK  
LIKE NOTHING ANYONE HAS EVER SEEN  
BETTER THAN HULK, OR FLASH, OR WOLVERINE  
YOU’D MAKE SURE NOTHING EVER CAME BETWEEN  
LIKE PETER PARKER IS TO MARY JANE  
I’D BE THE CLARK KENT TO YOUR LOIS LANE  
AND BE THE SUPERHERO  
YOUR SUPERHERO MAN

CARA

Let’s do two more and then I gotta get going, okay?

JIMMY

JUST LIKE THE THING, WE’D BE STRONG AS STONE  
AND WE WOULD NOT FATIGUE  
TOGETHER, WE’D BE OUR VERY OWN  
PERSONAL JUSTICE LEAGUE  
WE’D FLASH, WE’D FREEZE  
OUR ENEMIES  
AS ONE, WE’D STAND  
AND HAND IN HAND  
WE’D BE
LIKE GAMMA RAYS TO THE FANTASTIC FOUR
OR LIKE THE PLANET ASGARD IS TO THOR
WE’D MAKE EACH OTHER BETTER THAN BEFORE
LIKE THE AVENGERS, YOU WOULD FEND OFF CRIME
LIKE SUPERMAN, WE’D FLY AND TURN BACK TIME
AND BE LIKE SUPERHEROES
YOUR SUPERHERO MAN
(He removes his glasses)

LIKE ROBIN IS TO BATMAN
OR BUCKY IS TO STEVE
WE’D FIGHT BESIDE EACH OTHER
AND NEVER, EVER LEAVE

CARA
Alright. Good work today. Review your metalloids and I’ll see you on Wednesday.

I’D STAND AND STAY
AND COME WHAT MAY
I’D HOLD YOU TIGHT
AND CLOSE AT NIGHT

CARA
Uhh.

SO FOLLOW ME
AND WE WILL BE
SO BOLD AND BRAVE
AS WE WOULD SAVE
THE DAY

LIKE PETER PARKER IS TO MARY JANE
I’D BE THE CLARK KENT TO YOUR LOIS LANE
AND BE THE SUPERHEROE
YOUR SUPERHERO-
(Cara approaches Jimmy as if about to kiss him. At the last moment, she places the glasses back on his face instead)

CARA

I’ll see you Wednesday.

JIMMY

MAN.