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# Stupid Blue Screen

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**TYPE**  
**POETRY**

I've become so attached to my phone  
that the sun no longer provides light.  
I've become so attached to my phone  
that I don't know how to talk to my best friend  
face to face.

It's hard to socialize in person  
but behind a screen I am powerful.

I have a voice that is bright red  
that can scream at these  
stupid blue screens.

I've become so attached  
that it is starting to feel like I've become addicted.  
I'm always on social media.  
Constantly texting, liking, commenting.

There are days I cry, stressing about  
how many followers I have  
and how many likes I receive.

It's like a job, keeping the data of  
every single notification sent to me.

I'm lost behind this stupid blue screen.

I'm done with these stupid blue screens.

They don't let me think.