

NO INSULTS, PLEASE

do you have time
to be nice

so much stuff to get rid of
let's just be friends
and we can pretend
that
YOU
can help
me
a new helper
can I trust you
NEVER
never will I DO THAT
DO THAT
DO THAT
AGAIN

I've lost the train here
you could get a ticket
I am waiting for my fellow traveler
if two fellow travelers are on a train headed west at
one hundred miles per hour
and two strangers share a closed car going east
at eighty miles per hour
what color is the blood

I thought that you had something important to tell me
about sculpting my body
I did
she went to wardrobe
she had a suitable face
she knew how to play the part
but still
she had difficulty with the role
it must have been the script

you do have a career ahead of you
nothing has changed in the interim

come to the point
that I need to sleep
the elders

return to their coffins
and the young
return to their
milk cartons
do you have your lunch money
who
is this girl that you sent to me
one that you can sculpt with your hands
touching a wall
and pretending that you can feel
motion along the other side

who
was driving when the accident happened
they immediately put you under anesthetic

you can park your car around the way
take the train from there
who are you
why have you been trying to trick me
but the tricks are so far behind you
that mine
is only one along the way
so no accusation
is possible
let alone advised
WHO ARE YOU
GROTESQUE
I don't really like horror movies
one helpless soul
looking down on all the action

don't fall
don't even let him see you
WATCHING
do you like to
WATCH
I like to touch what I touch
mind if I
TOUCH
where did you find this guy
the same place that I found the last
in a world of guys
like all the little boys
mumbling to themselves

what were your words
who did it to you
SHUT UP
I am staying in
ARE YOU STAYING IN ALONE
never alone
I tried to shut you up
but you snuck out
slipped on the ice
I
WENT
DOWN
QUICKLY
there was nothing to hold on to
I can help
do whatever you want
I feel as if I am smothering in here
I am waiting on a phone call
and when it rings
I will be able to leave
one ring
or two
a ceremony that makes my mouth water
are you some kind of charlatan
what kind
the hungry kind
tasting for salt
some kind of food
anything to keep me alive
you do look great
too close to your
day
or your day off
your day
I really couldn't do anything that nasty to you
had a twinge of conscience
got you out
before it got out of you
I am sorry
what are you sorry for
the air
the day
the deed
or just generally sorry for the human condition
we are getting to a pressing matter

like pressing slacks
or donning a new shirt
doesn't it look great
what color is that anyway

I knew what you were going to do
so I was prepared
I got out
as you should have

DON'T SAY A THING
I am on to you
time for a little punishment
tie me up
as I have always been tied
a gift bow
ribbon upon ribbon
pouting

saw it in a movie
touched what I saw

I am getting pulled this way and that
unable to remember what I need to
it's just too late at night
to hold on to everything
just keep your desire

a man of hunger
a women of thirst
quenched by anger
fed on mirth
nothing ventured
nothing gained
tails all hit
by lightning's rain

let freedom rain
down on me
I am putting on my happy face for the world
I am putting on
my face
will you let me put on for you

the world is my audience

with so much to admire
I need someone to admire it
the world as admirer
follow along the smooth surface
here and there
you notice
tremors
I recognize that there are angels
I have seen them
I just can't get close to
them
a likely excuse
the day was getting better
then
I hit the ground
splatter
what you got
you were lucky
you were lucky to get
what you got
just be happy with that
learn
and move on
you can do better
you could have done worse
pick yourself up off the ground and learn to live again
is this all that you have to offer
playtime
a sand box with better shovels
how far do you think that you can dig down
this is becoming quite serious
you could crack the core
I can't give you what you want
not now
not ever
I think I know
what this is about
you hold your breath
until you are a little faint
then you drift into an altered state
THE EDGE
I am seeing wonderful things
a mosaic

I have learned how to touch all the stars

pick all the flowers
I guess you finally escaped

there is
a bigger world
where I can
recharge myself
lose myself in the desert
in the oasis of other people

a face-off
I gave you language
gave you everything that I had
only to be worn out
taken in for more

taken for everything that I have
I am exhausted
I have been cleaned out
still
I want more

I have nothing more to give
skeletons giving gifts
is that how it is going to be
a hunger strike
more like you have withdrawn food from me
and you are trying to create a cause
as if
you never did something bad
I never lied like that
it's not lying
I have to say what I will to protect myself

the kind of are
that you it
can't stay this way forever

what kind of outcome is this
you help me cross the river
but after this point
I don't need you to get any further

I could have left you in the current
now I leave the current in you

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN

we begin a new chapter in our lives
you think that you are going forwards
not
you have
living mirrors
everywhere
but none of them see how things really are
lover, lover
in my face
who's number one in this race
you, my dear
my ass
exactly
your little brain
you're pretty
you're beautiful
you're the best
the best around
who was that girl
you pet the mirror
I love how you tell me what I want to hear
flattery
means
telling me
what I want to hear
when no one else will tell me
what I want to hear
will you tell
mirror, mirror
in my face
who's the number one in the race
why
you
my highness
my hinny
get your eyes off my hinny
then I stop being your mirror
I'll move my eyes
and put my hands
where my eyes used to be
you are so spontaneous
tell me the time with that big watch of yours
the better to subdue time with
get this down

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they key here
I get you to do something so bad
that there is nothing that you can say
but
SORRY
we've both done things
shown our hands
SORRY
mirror, mirror
have you really got what you want
why should I bother
only do something more
that I have to say SORRY for

you're just crazy
over the top
thinking
that words are going to do so more
so much more
and if they don't do
what you want
you just lash out

I am trying
and it is trying
trying to explain
where things went
OFF
the board
just went all off

I have an invitation
it is here for you
I'm busy
you need to leave some time
who's the fairest of them all
pictures on pictures
constellations
skies on skies
I AM THE SKY
so am I
so much electricity
I am getting bigger
I am getting my world

don't make fun of me
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what is your name
I'm touching the sky
I'm touching this guy
keep it that way
I will
no messages please
I am almost in paradise
all the artificial
this ways
and that
for now
paradise by the book
and paradise for now
I'm touching this guy
blow by blow
how can I ever talk to you again
ALL TONGUE
I don't need science
I don't need your science
I have magic
I have
YOUR SCIENCE
we had word play
the play of a breeze on these words
the play of these words as a breeze

you say so many good things
that you mix with bad things
that it all reads like nothing

who is he
he is all the same
he is everywhere
here and there

I want to close my eyes and make it all go away
no insults
please
what do you want me to say
I missed my train
I was waiting for you
for you
and I missed my train

how can both be possible
I missed my train
and I arrived late
and you were not waiting for me
you were sorely missed
I want to close my eyes
scream insults at the world
YOU
did this to me
now
what are you going to do with your talents
bury them in the ground
in whom I am well pleased
in please
I am well welled
fell well
stood up well
well well
down a well
and up a well
we can all do that
we all have words
we all have tongues
we can all wag
lap it up
get the slick words while you can
what are you trying to say
about me
that I haven't said about myself
you're upside down
looking up
so that means down
NO INSULTS
there was once a girl
NO
grill from Pawtucket
there once was a petticoat or two
this is getting very serious
oh, dear
what can the matter be
I have a really bad headache
this is what I do
I write this stuff
for a living
what do you do

for a dying
I was almost able to say the word
and then
you went scam
I am looking for the girl
with the red wheelbarrow