

SLIPS

It's not a secret
if you tell
Take off the mask
let me hear your voice

when you have had enough
there is time to say
MERCY

I'll stop
you're too late
what did I miss

I escaped
their wrath
and I lived to tell my story
a little way out there
way out

my biggest fear is
that you have become one of
them

what do you mean
those who go along
with what comes along

who are
you to say
who are you to judge

I have been judging all along
it's all a big circle
a bigger bang

when you
become
one of them

mercy
what do I have to do to get mercy
have mercy on me

I am learning
how to read the rocks
you told me that was what I had to do to make it back
I am doing
just that
and listening to the wind

this time I will try
to take it slowly
imagine
there is someone reading every word
as you write it
imagine
there is someone
speaking every word
as you hear it
imagine
there is someone
somewhere
who can say stop it
and it will stop

sometimes when you really need to get some sleep
there is someone in the next room making so much
noise

THE GAMBLE

I just so much liked
how it looked on me
it looked great
better than great
it looked fantastic

that's kind of
theft by taking
the ring
just twisted around in a force field
around her neck
do you know how much that costs
not the mining and the molding
not the human cost
no
the cost to the human
who wears it

I love how it looks on me
it's a burden to wear something like this
I mean
you really should pay me
to watch it
to take it out of here
it is remarkable
the kind of force that is represented by something this
twisted
this sturdy
at this moment
do you know
the perfect place that you could be headed
just to make you feel so much better about
yourself
I am afraid to leave the house
while it is still light
I wear a bracelet
that monitors my every move
that maps me to the map
let me be
let me be myself
I could just walk out of here
just crawl my way away
it would be so easy
to crawl away
I wear a bracelet
you know what I am doing
I am trying to leave by my own volition
I want to stand up
and simply walk out of here
I AM GONE

You're not walking out with that on
it's going to sound the alarm
are you that stupid
I've done stupider things
I just want to leave with the force field
I couldn't give a damn whether I really have the damn thing on or not
today was so remarkable
a wonderful day
simply wonderful
I want to tell you about
but it would be much better if I showed you
Ooo! That tickles!

I need to demonstrate for you.
You are getting too close
you need to maintain your distance
you know how I got started doing this kind of thing
it's not as if it was something that I planned
IT JUST HAPPENED
you know how this kind of thing happens
taking one path or another
going down the wrong path
or another
you are going to have to take the risk
take the risk

a calculated risk
step back
I'm heading for a train
step back
wear it
or dare it
the body has a way of telling you
what it can and can't do
do you know exactly what I am talking about
step back
way way back
can you see what I'm talking about
do you believe me
believe in me
can you feel the
force
there is something
anything
that I need to take
I need to get out of
HERE
and I need to grab anything that I can
just get out of here
no strings
no strings attached
you know how it gets
as the strings twist around each other
a string of pearls around the neck
I've got to have it
who had to die
so that you could
have it

let me have it

You never realized that it was that simple. All you had to do was ask. Just ask the right person. This is like a lecture. An important lecture. You need to get all of this down. Not a quiz. More like a life experience. All you have to do is

ASK

ASK

can you help me escape
and the helper

now

is

trying to escape

not in the same way

but you both are trying

to be gone

in your own way

one for yourself

and one for

you

you and yourself

trying to be gone

this is the happy part

you take it to enjoy something

even more glorious

is there anyone here who can rescue me

save me from myself

you know how bad it has become

I need to know what happens next

no

just do

what you think happens next

and let the chips fall where they may

if there's something that you really like

just take it

find a way to leave wearing it

no one will know the difference

they aren't even looking at you

walk out

somewhere

someone sees me

wait until she turns her head

how will I know when

she turns her head

if I can't even see her

act
as if she can't see you
simply
act invisible
don't even leave the house
ACT
invisibly
it is that simple
to make it all
go away
I just feel that you don't have my best interest at heart. You are trying to make me do something
that I am going to regret later.
Are you regretting it now? Ask yourself? Are you regretting it now?
If you're good with it
just do it
that is all that you have to worry about
are you OK with yourself
are you OK
that is all that you ever have to worry about
you just have to make it right with yourself
can't you do it
for yourself
you call that a skill
I could wake up people for a fee
tell them to get out of their fucking house
GET OUT
like a human alarm
WAKE UP, GET OUT
if that is all that it took
I could do that

see where the force field radiates
it follows the contours of the body
where the body has been
get out
before they even know that you're in there
you just have to cool the body down
so that it doesn't even emit a field
it just is
that is a real trick
like being totally innocent
you take something
and you
alter the balance
you don't want to alter the balance

you have all these great ideas
so where are they no
they have just landed you in more trouble
GO AHEAD
and take it
no one will be the wiser
and if they are
you can say it was a gift
I was born to accept gifts
look at me
with each gift
I look more worthy of future
gifts
I hope
that you feel the same
that I do
go ahead
quickly now

TAKE IT

see
nothing happened
then you feel lucky
overconfident
you take some more
take some more
you can't stop taking more
because
you think that you are going to find the source
the radiation
go ahead
take it all

do you want to be seen
taking it
I'm sorry
if I get caught
if and only if I get caught
taking it
I will be sorry
I will be very sorry
very very sorry
I am running out of excuses
I need to see something serious change in my life

do you know what I am talking about
I need to get everything out while I can
this is very serious
it may take longer than one day
one day or two
it is going to take a long time
to get everything out of here
without getting caught
let's just say
for the matter of argument
that you want to get one thing out of there
let's say that you are going to take one thing out of there
what would you take
and how would you get it out of there
it's not as if you can just walk out of there
'cause if you did
someone would know
you would get caught
and THAT
would be the end of it

this is very serious
they have ways of knowing
ways of tracing what you are taking
you can't disturb the field

it's not about that
it's more about being trusted
being entrusted
being given
what you want
then you
you
you become the treasure
you
you
you become the treasure

I feel cherished
outside of this door
I feel cherished

I will figure it out
a way
just to walk out

without anyone knowing
you can mold it with clay
just follow the twists and turns
it's like putting your hand
in a hole in the ground
and wondering if you'll be able to pull it out
or will some monster
just
CUT IT OFF

you just have to think
how badly do you want something
what are you willing to risk to have it
and then accept the risk
forgive yourself
have mercy on yourself

WE
are talking about two very different things
on is
where
we could hide
if we wanted to
LEAVE
and other more ominous
is
where
someone could hide
us
if they wanted to be done
with us
DONE
null and void
gone
where
could we just be left
like
on the side of the road
just left
left in plain sight
but where no one could really see us
left so totally alone
that no one
would even know
if we were there

or if we weren't

it's not time yet
there is still something more to figure out
in the GREAT HEIST
what to take
and what to leave behind
if something really valuable
was something that could not be traced
not in the least
and if all that you had to do to get it out there
was just get out
do you have it
the body has it
can you get the body out of there
without anyone being the wisest
this is where it get very very difficult
there is no background story
no sufficient motivation
to have it leave on its own
but it just does
WHAT IF THERE WAS SOMETHING
that made you feel so bad
so terrible
what would you do
have mercy on myself
have mercy on myself
forgive myself
go to it
you have a free pass
you get can away with whatever you want
and no one will even know
have mercy
no one will know
have mercy
no one will even have mercy
not even you
can you feel it now
is it in motion
are you ready and willing
to forgive yourself
sod it and get it over
I can't do it
squeeze harder
that is not helping

I don't have the nerve
then get someone who will have the nerve for you
I DO
I DO
I DO
mercy
I am so sorry