

## Platforms / Swan Dive

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Life knocked me off my platforms  
So I pulled out my first pair of boots  
Bought on the street at astor place  
Before New York was run by suits  
And I suited up for the long walk  
Back to myself  
Closer to the ground now  
With sorrow  
And stealth

I'm cradling the softest, warmest part of you in my hands  
Feels like a little baby bird  
Fallen from the nest  
I think that your body is something I understand  
I think that I'm happy  
I think that I'm blessed

But I've had a lack of inhibition  
I've had a loss of perspective  
I've had a little bit to drink  
And it's making me think  
That I can jump ship and swim  
That the ocean will hold me  
That there's got to be more  
Than this boat I'm in

They can call me crazy if I fail  
All the chance that I need is one-in-a-million,  
And they can call me brilliant if I succeed  
Gravity is nothing to me  
I'm moving at the speed of sound  
I'm just gonna to get my feet wet until I drown

I teeter between tired  
And really, really tired  
I'm wiped and I'm wired  
But I guess that's just as well  
Cuz I've built my own empire  
Out of car tires and chicken wire  
And now I'm queen of my own compost heap  
And I'm getting used to the smell

I've had a lack of information  
I've had a little revelation  
I'm climbing up on the railing  
Trying not to look down  
I'm going to do my best swan dive  
In the shark-infested waters  
I'm gonna pull out my tampon  
And start splashing around

Cuz I don't care if they eat me alive  
I've got better things to do than survive  
I've got the memory of your warm skin in my hands  
And I've got a vision of blue sky and dry land

I'm cradling the hardest, heaviest part of me in my hands

The ship is pitching and heaving  
Our limbs are bobbing and weaving  
I think this is something I understand  
I just need a couple vaccinations  
For my far-away vacation  
I'm going to go ahead and go boldly  
Cuz a little bird told me  
That jumping is easy  
That falling is fun  
Right up until you hit the sidewalk  
Shivering stunned

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