

# The Canary

## Protest the Hero

I was named after my grandmothers in the tradition of my family  
I was born after my stillborn sister  
Romantic idealistic lies euphemize as fantasy  
But the water always bursts first from the blister

Iridescent light leads down a path  
That's left me miserable at times  
With my heart in my throat still beating, still beating

Amelia, please don't go  
Just stay  
Don't go  
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I remember the first time that I felt  
The cool breeze upon my face  
I didn't understand it at the time  
But the calling of adventure and my heart's increasing pace  
It was the ticker tape that I could not deny  
Deny

I'll cut my hair short  
And I'll sleep in my jacket so it appears worn

Oh, I'm no baggage  
No willing passenger  
Those women who came before me  
Ain't nothing like me, sir  
Ain't nothing like me

So this time I'll do it, I'll do it on my own  
This time I'm going out alone  
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I can hear their pleas and cries falling far behind me  
Succeed or fail, this is who I'm to become  
7000 miles of ocean stand between me and my destiny  
Somewhere beyond it or inside it

Women must pay for everything  
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They do get more glory than men for comparable tasks  
But they also get more notoriety when they crash  
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