In Parentheses

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State of pain like mercury Hearing pink illusions Gorgeous at 85, older at 23

I drink the water out of time I said has anybody seen the whirlpool floating in my mind I said has anybody seen This is the low that I could find

I'm on solitary sand and I've been stepped on by a man But I've stood taller than I am In parentheses

Beauty queens are very shy More than lash than meets your eye So she jumps then wants to fly It's too late now I'm in denial

I'll get medieval on boy-bands
I said is anybody listening
The way life makes the nice girls fast
I said is anybody listening
It isn't just unlucky chance

And I'm on solitary sand And I've had bullshit from a man But found exactly who I am

I'll never be the vision of a girl who can write poetry I'll never be the little black dress we've seen on natalie b. I'll never be 5'10", I'm barely 5'3"