## **Desert Island Questionnaire**

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Say that you were stranded on a desert island What books you gonna bring? What friends would tag along? Say you had a month, you knew you were dying How would you spend your time? What goodbyes would take too long?

You don't like this game and you take exception Who wants all this trouble, even hypothetical? With the charging sky above And the ground below that could swallow everyone

Staring at your phone at another party Spend a lot on clothes, got a lot of skin to show People in the pool like the drowning army Smoke along the moats and the hotel lobby glows

Wish that you can dance but you got no partner Keep tapping on your glass /cause you wanna make a toast To the ennui of our times To the selfishness in everyone you know

Made a lot of friends but they can't be trusted Don't know what their angle is Post up at the bar and I'm double fistein' Talking to a mannequin

Don't know what it means when he takes my pulse And says that I'm a lot like him I say that's fair enough That's why I'm trying to loosen up

Every lunatic must be well intentioned Sets himself apart, he's an instrument of God He took her from the playground to the farmhouse cellar Kissed her while he killed her like a good Samaritan

They finally found her body many autumns after Interviewed her mother, said she'd now be 21 And although we lost her young I know the good Lord has a plan for all of us

Mormons at the door they are clean and handsome Always have a good sales pitch Your little sisters swears she can take my order But I can't take her serious

Need something to bring, for this human nature Is not what this condition is I'm so bored with my life But I'm still afraid to die

Everyone's asleep in this burning building And I can't wake them up in time You go on ahead, I'll be right behind you I'm headed to the finish line I can't ignore the sun until this is over

Pretend that you were stranded on a desert island

What would be the message that you'd spell out for the plane? Say the engine failed when that plane was flying If you were the pilot would you curse or would you pray?

No one's gonna cry at this John Doe funeral Not a lot to say, didn't even have a name Light a candle just in case he was someone's friend Throw some flowers on the grave