

## Cold Comfort Flowers

## Fountains of Wayne

Peace sign on the window  
Japanese car  
You will remember the pap on the radio  
Big blue policeman says stay where you are  
Surrender your Chinese arms

Rock show Romeo  
Black and white shoes  
Strawberry haircut, in fist-pumping prime  
Scrape off the dross, keep what you can use  
And leave the weaker ones behind

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In vain trying to find a hole they can't outgrow

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Wind finely on the vine  
Climbing toward the spots in the sun  
An unwelcome fate  
May ferry all away  
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Pink clouds, summer sorrow  
Oceanside swales  
If you don't feel pretty  
With your face in the tide  
Well, file your complaint in weary detail  
And tell the little people you tried

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