

# Pretender

July Talk

You walk in like Birkin, monologue 'em into the light  
A preacher in a playhouse somewhere 'round the corner outside  
I heard you're no first-time offender  
You're no pretender

You got the room in your hand, they never fully understand  
All the power you found driftin' through the window outside  
No allegiance to legal tender

You don't keep it on the inside  
No shadows in your mind  
You seem to drift across that line through the ceiling  
You don't try to define it, simplify and confine it  
You're unphased  
Unaffected, unafraid of what you do not know

An altar for energy, we come close to witness it  
In order to love her, there's a target above her  
I lean in real close as an informer  
What if you're just a performer?

You hear a whisper, but the bodies follow closely now  
You just smile, ask me to take a seat on the stairs  
Not the night for another bender  
Cannot stray from the center

You could never be broken in the morning light  
But as you leave, I start to see

I see what it's cost you, I miss the imposter  
Pretender, pretender, I start to think that I've lost you  
I'm ashamed that I thought I could define you  
Simplify and confine you  
I know, I know, darling, I know it's a shame  
We're all afraid of what we do not know

Scattered debris and you were spinning uncensored  
An elegance I remember  
Don't you keep it on the inside  
Unphased, unafraid  
You've been here before