

Second Skin

Nada Surf

I didn't show you
I was wearing a porcelain coat
You didn't know me completely
I didn't let you know
I'd excuse myself for five minutes
To rub myself up against a tree
And get this second layer off of me

I'm tired of living in this second skin
I want to let everything in
I don't want to compare myself
I don't want to be someone else

I tried so many new and old tricks
To die and self-improve
From divining with dead sticks
To fallen yogi hot moves
But what I found I learned from no
Book up on the shelf
Is to watch the thief of time
And learn to trick myself

I don't want to leave my brand new skin
It's made of leaves, it's strong and thin
I waited for it every day
I wake up and it goes away

Heaven on earth is quiet and it's dark
Heaven on earth is daytime in a city park
This apartment building floats on a humming sea
Under the floorboards
Under you and me

I don't want to leave my brand new skin
It's made of leaves, it's strong and thin
I waited for it every day
I wake up and it goes away
I'm never gonna leave my brand new skin
It's part of me, it's strong and thin
I waited for it night and day
I wake up and I'll stay