

## External Actor

Okkervil River

It's all I'm looking for  
These moments of opaque-eyed knocked-out rapture  
Helpless as a cow for the capture  
Chosen in a frozen instant

Far away from the scabbed-out moment  
Far from the flick-flick-flick of the flatscreen  
Far from the poison power of cash  
Green cash reeking and heating the jetstream

Oh, the shop-sweet breath, she is my daughter  
Daughter of the flashing instant  
Daughter of watching "Daughters of Darkness"  
On your parents' couch with your high-school boyfriend

Spinning fevered in a hazy ditch  
We daughters of long hard skids on the 10-speed  
Daughters of July rips of the land speed  
Semi-freckled eternal thrasher

Feather-haloed floating hair eye-flasher  
Floating like a fire in the distance  
Flashing like a flush to the skin  
And whispering like the wind through the rushes

Oh no, external actor  
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You gotta hoist the high flag  
You gotta learn how to hang with the freaks and the hicks  
And the heat of the lot  
You gotta learn what is and what is not  
And you learn what isn't is not a lot

To drain a tin beer  
Streaming cold in the fields  
Sun is up and the heat is relentless  
Dropping the rainbow rain on the canvas  
Calls her friends in the capital of cannabis

Where the cops down the block  
And they circle and they stop  
And they circle and they stop  
And they stop and they circle  
And they stop, God help cause it's a lot  
And may God have mercy on the polyglot

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A million miles across, the starlight  
Skip skip skip  
A wide long curve of spacedust melt around a star  
Keep shining in the cold  
Keep shining in the dark

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Neighbor-loving, brother-loving  
Blanketing love of God above  
Sigh of the river far from shore  
Silence and the voice don't speak any more [x7]