

# oh sister

## Digger Barnes

Oh sister, don't be afraid of me  
I won't be nailing you down in the nursery  
Just like the rest of them did  
With those watery, wandering fingers that slipped  
That were supposed to be glorious and fine

Oh sister, won't you believe in me  
I only wanted to be hard on the family  
Here with you now in this silly infirmary  
Your mother makes frantic and drunk calls  
From Germany all of the time

Oh sister, sweet brown and beulahery  
And milk from your blisters on your grandmother's jewelry  
There in the parlor all naked in front of me  
Watching the lights from the cracks  
Making archery animal designs

Rose Wallace Goldaline just moves her mouth over anything  
Fleshy free and flowering with oranges out in the open  
But don't you waste your sins again  
She don't need you or won't fuck your friends  
And you, you're American, so important boiling over  
To prove that she must still exist  
She moves herself about her fist  
And never ever gave a shit  
About all those words you're wasting again  
Some pretty bright and bubbly wondrous dream  
You'd like to kill and claim  
And claim her as your own  
But don't you worry  
All those dainty and dirty emotions  
Just go away and fade out on their own  
Sister, now that we're grieving  
Our fingers will falter  
Our lungs will be leaking  
All over each other and without even speaking  
We'll know that it's over and smile and go greeting

Whatever comes next

And oh sister

You're getting married with some angry twister

That you'll have to carry home

Drunk every evening from the cemetery

And if he makes it back half alive you can

Bury him under your sheets

And oh sister

Now that you're leaving

I cannot imagine there is any meaning

Forgetting you ever could once

Had the feeling that made you keep on

And pretend you were breathing of all of this world

In an age of empty rings

I don't want to feel the thing

I don't even want to know

And Rose Wallace Goldaline

Don't you ever die on me

All the way it goes

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