

# Orchid

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Me and my helmet  
Such an unconventional kid  
    All intense and kinetic  
    St best tolerated from afar  
        Not yet arrested  
        And by that I mean betrothed  
        Though a start I am newly courted  
        I've just not been trusted with alters  
            I'm a sweet piece of work  
            Well intentioned yet disturbed  
            Wrongly labeled and underfed  
            Treated like a rose as an orchid  
                My friends as they weigh in  
                Get understandably protective  
            They have a hard time being objective  
            So inside we cancel each other out  
                I'm a sweet piece of work  
                Well intentioned and unloved  
                Unlabeled and misunderstood

Treated like a rose as an orchid  
    You've brought water to me  
    Making sure my bloom rebounds  
        You know best of what  
        My special care allows  
        So I've lived in my blind spot  
    Thought myself usual when I'm not  
        And your garden is a nice spot  
    As long as it is brave and where you are  
        For this sweet piece of work  
        High maintenance and deserted  
    I've been different and deserving  
        Treated like a rose as an orchid  
            Sweet piece of work  
            Overwhelmed, unobserved  
    I've been bowed down to but so misread  
        Treated like a rose as an orchid

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