32 Flavors

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Squint your eyes and look closer
I'm not between you and your ambition
I am a poster girl with no poster
I am thirty-two flavors and then some
And I'm beyond your peripheral vision
So you might want to turn your head
'Cause someday you're going to get hungry

And eat most of the words you just saidBoth my parents taught me about good will

And I have done well by their names

Just the kindness I've lavished on strangers

Is more than I can explain

Still there's many who've turned out their porch lights

Just so I would think they were not home

And hid in the dark of their windows

Till I'd passed and left them alone And god help you if you are an ugly girl

Course too pretty is also your doom

'Cause everyone harbors a secret hatred

For the prettiest girl in the room

And god help you if you are a phoenix

And you dare to rise up from the ash

A thousand eyes will smolder with jealousy

While you are just flying pastI'm not trying to give my life meaning

By demeaning you

And I would like to state for the record

I did everything that I could do

I'm not saying that I'm a saint

I just don't want to live that way

No, I will never be a saint

But I will always saySquint your eyes and look closer

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'Cause someday you might find you're starving

And eating all of the words you said

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