

# Gardenia

## Stephen Malkmus

I kinda like the way you dot your J's  
with giant circles of naivety  
the kind of circles include everything don't mean to damn you with the faintest praise  
it's just a symptom of the blithe age  
If Walt were living he would be amazed so you got some curb appeal  
but can you cook a 3 course meal  
or are you just a present waiting to be opened up and parceled out again hey well you are a gardenia  
pressed in the campaign journal  
in the rucksack of an Afrikaner candidate for mild reformat's like we're at a ponzi scaminar  
there's no escaping without a door prize  
they're operating at significant loss and now the way you watch your weight  
Richard Avedon  
Richard Avedon would  
Richard Avedon would surely approve so much for your curb appeal  
and so much for the 3 course meals  
cause I am not a present waiting to be opened up and parceled out again well the torture of the  
Van Wyck express way at 5 pm on Friday gives you some idea of how rejection makes me feel well you are a  
gardenia  
well you are a gardenia

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