## Life Boat

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Every time I open my mouth

Or take off my clothes

I am raw and frostbitten

From being exposedI got red scabby hands

And purple scabby feet

And you can smell me coming

From half way down the streetAnd I remember that old hotel had quite the smell

Where I would go to use the phone

Between the donut shop and the pizza parlor

Where I learned to live aloneSweet sixteen and smiling

My way out of any jam

Learning the ways of the world, oh my

Learning the ways of man, ohAnd I didn't really want a baby

And I guess that I had a choice

But I just let it grow inside me

Its persistent little voiceAnd I guess I got her off and running

And then run off is what she did

And that's a part of what I think about

When I think about that kidSo now there's nothing left to wish upon

Except the passing cars

The cacophony of city lights

Is drowning out the stars This park bench is a life boat

And the rest a big dark sea

And I'm just gonna lie here

Until something comes and finds me Yeah, I got this tired old face

Still grinning most of the time

Just cause it don't have a better way

To express what's on its mindAnd I got this running monolog

Entertaining in its outrage

And I've got the air of an animal

That's been living in a cageEvery time I open my mouth

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