## **Orchid**

## Rinzai

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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