

# Medusa

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Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

Medusa woke up one day and shaved her head  
Well, maybe now you'll let me a little closer she said  
But she just sacrificed her identity insteadBe careful how you trend  
Be careful how you treadMedusa went home again and watched TV  
A commercial for deodorant, tampons  
So now we won't smell sea  
Said the sister with the plastic smile, excitement and gleeBuy your shame for free  
Buy your shame for freeAnd all the smiles that we spill  
Because it's part of the drill  
The shame that we bear  
For the floors that aren't thereThe unfulfilled will be dismissed  
For a savior, a kiss  
The memories we repress  
When we undressShe went channel surfing and all that was seen  
Were decorative women arrive on the screen  
Conventional images of adolescent male dreams  
When men aren't around they fall apart at the seamsPassive exposed peaches and cream  
Survive like an object to blow off your steam  
Interchangeable fragments and outlines and shapes  
They say no, they mean yes to little girl rapesAnd all the smiles that we spill  
Because it's part of the drill  
The shame that we bear  
For the floors that aren't thereThe unfulfilled will we dismiss  
For a savior, a kiss  
The memories we repress  
When we undressThe rage trapped inside, smothered and dried  
The words that we use, they divide and abuse  
The wound between women keeps the war-mongers grinning  
The war between women stops recovery beginningMedusa grew her hair back around her face  
She'd been looking for alignment in the wrong place  
So she called up her friends, Malcom X and Collie  
And they go on a plane cocked off too falling

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