

# Jackie Greene

## "Supersede"

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Cookie cried for three days, until she couldn't cry no  
more  
she ate the fridge, jumped the bridge and wound up  
bloated on the shore  
The children they all pointed at another painted score  
and somebody asked: "can I take a picture?"

Well the heat down here is brutal, it's hard to do  
what's right  
the locals shout that you won't burn out if you don't  
ever shine too bright  
and I wish I was in your back pocket or in your bed  
tonight  
I wish that i was loud so you could hear me

but oh, no  
what else must I be?  
it's all inside my head I guess but it just reminds me  
that I need you, honey I need you  
there ain't nobody who could supersede you  
we're not such strangers, so honey I need you right  
now

Now all the streets are paved with petals, the parade is  
coming through  
it kind of feels like royalty cause' everyone's in blue  
and yellow flowers falling, from a window too  
falling to the feet of such a coward

The mayor is kissing babies, he's almost way too kind  
we're filled to the brim with honest men, they're just  
way too hard to find  
so stare into his Public Eyes and watch his clock unwind  
then find him old and drowning in the deep end

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You see, I long for a hickory morning with a waltz and trumpet flare  
iâ€™m doing my best to recover from what time cannot repair  
and iâ€™m sick of all this solitude and pre-rehearsed despair  
my eyes are a hundred miles away from sleeping

Well I wish youâ€™d write a letter, or telephone to me  
this place is dark and there ainâ€™t a spark of who I used to be  
so the sick hearts of the unloved tell the brave souls of the sea:  
â€œweâ€™re all closed up, why donâ€™t you come back when weâ€™re open.â€

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Thereâ€™s a cracked and pale mirror, hanging on my wall  
the church bell rings and the choir sings and I can hear it from the hall  
Now you might not believe it, but there was no fire at all  
we just danced for seven days wishing for water

Maria tells the fortunes, they line around the bend  
a dollar for your problems, and five to know the end  
They come from miles around

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