

Jeff Mangum "Oh Sister"

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Oh sister, don't be afraid of me
I won't be nailing you down in the nursery
Just like the rest of them did
With those watery, wandering fingers that slipped

That were supposed to be glorious and fine
Oh sister, won't you believe in me
I only wanted to be hard on your family
Here with you now in the zillionth infirmary
A mother makes frantic and drunk calls from Germany
All of the time
And oh sister
Sweet brown and comely
I will be be milking with you making fun of me
Now that my moods are not what the used to be
there is but no one alive laying next to me
for such a long time
Oh sister, sweet brown and beulahry
milk from your blisters on your grandmother's jewelry
there in the parlor all naked in front of me

Watching the lights from the cracks making archery
animal designs
Rose Wallace Goldeline just moves her mouth over
anything
Fleshy free and flowering with oranges out in the open
But don't you waste your sins again
She don't need you
or won't fuck your friends
And you, you're American, so important boiling over
To prove that she must still exist
she moves herself about her fist

and never ever ever give a shit
about all those words you're wasting again
Some pretty bright and bubbly wondrous dream
You'd like to kill and claim
And claim her as your own
But don't you worry

All those dainty and dirty emotions just go away and
fade out on their own

Sister, now that we're grieving
Our fingers will falter
Our lungs will be leaking
All over each other and without even speaking
We'll know that it's over and smiling or greeting
Whatever comes next
And oh sister
You're getting married with some angry twister

That you'll have to carry home drunk every evening
from the cemetery
And if he makes it back half alive you can bury him
Under your sheets
And oh sister
now that we're leaving
I can not imagine there is any meaning
forgetting you ever could once had the feeling that
made you keep on

And pretend you were breathing of all of this world
In an age of empty rings
I don't want to feel the thing
I don't even want to know
and Rose Wallace Goldeline
don't you ever die on me
all the way it goes and flows

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