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## Regina Spektor "Genius"

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Some said the local lake had been enchanted others said it must have been the weather the neighbours were trying to keep it quiet but I swear I could hear the laughter so they jokingly nicknamed it the porridge cause overnight that lake had turned as thick as butter but the local kids would still go swimming, drinking saying that to them it doesn't matter

the genius next door was bussing tables wiping clean the ketchup bottle labels getting high and mumbling german fables didn't care as long as he was able to strip his clothes off by the dumpsters at night while everyone was sleeping and to wade midway into that porridge just him and the secret he was keeping

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in the morning the film crews start arriving with coffee, donuts, and reporters the kids were waking up hungover the neighbours were starting up their cars the garbagemen were emptying the dumpsters atheists were praying full of sarcasm and the genius next door was sleeping dreaming that the antidote was orgasm

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