

## Amel Larrieux "Gills and Tails"

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i looked at my reflection in the water  
thought what an unlikely pair  
closed my eyes, held my breath, plummeted  
down,down,down  
and anchored myself there

can't tell how long i've been  
in the company of gills and tails  
i think i feel my skin  
growing scales

chorus  
can i come up for air  
can i come up, can come up  
(repeat 3x)

i'm gettin' eaten up down here  
i'm just not built like them  
the big fish have a monopoly  
the little fish get buried in the sand

this here world i'm in  
sucks your life out, leaves you comatose  
take back your salt and fins  
send me a lifeboat

chorus

i look up with longing at the surface  
hypnotized by the way the sunlight seems to ride each  
ripple  
and they do a dance  
every ray becomes a beckoning hand  
i miss the sweet taste of oxygen  
i mistook this for the promised land

chorus

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