

Difranco Ani**"Swan Dive"**

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i'm cradling the softest, warmest part of you in my
hands
feels like a little baby bird
fallen from the nest
i think that your body is something i understand
i think that i'm happy
i think that i'm blessed
but i've had a lack of inhabition
i've had a loss of perspective
i've had a little bit to drink
and it's making me think
that i can jump ship and swim
that the ocean will hold me
that there's got to be more
than this boat i'm in
they can call me crazy if i fall
all the chance i need
is one-in-a-million
and they can call me brilliant
if i succeed
gravity is nothing to me
i'm moving at the speed of sound
i'm just gonna get my feet wet
until i drown
i teeter between tired
and really, really tired
i'm wiped out and i'm wired
but i guess that's just as well
cuz i've built my own empire
out of car tires and chicken wire
and now i'm queen of my own compost heap
and i'm getting used to the smell
i've had a lack of information
i've had a little revelation
i'm climbing up on the railing
trying not to look down
i'm going to do my best swan dive
into shark infested waters
i'm going to pull out my tampon
and start splashing around
cuz i don't care if they eat me alive

i've got better things to do than survive
i've got the memory of your warm skin in my hands
and i've got a vision of blue sky and warm land
i'm cradling the hardest, heaviest part of me in my
hands
the ship is pitching and heaving
our limbs are bobbing and weaving
i think this is something i understand
i think i need a couple vaccinations
for my far-away vacation
i'm gonna go ahead and go boldly
cuz a little bird told me
that jumping is easy
and falling is fun
right up until you hit the sidewalk
shivering and stunned
they can call me crazy if i fall
all the chance i need
is one-in-a-million
and they can call me brilliant
if i succeed
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