

**Difranco Ani****"Swandive"**

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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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