

Stephen Malkmus "Gardenia"

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I kinda like the way you dot your J's
with giant circles of naivety
the kind of circles include everything

don't mean to damn you with the faintest praise
it's just a symptom of the blithe age
If Walt were living he would be amazed

so you got some curb appeal
but can you cook a 3 course meal
or are you just a present waiting to be opened up and
parceled out again hey

well you are a gardenia
pressed in the campaign journal
in the rucksack of an Afrikaner candidate for mild
reform

it's like we're at a ponzi scaminar
there's no escaping without a door prize
they're operating at significant loss
and now the way you watch your weight
Richard Avedon
Richard Avedon would
Richard Avedon would surely approve

so much for your curb appeal
and so much for the 3 course meals
cause I am not a present waiting to be opened up and
parceled out again

well the torture of the
Van Wyck express way at 5 pm on Friday gives you
some idea of how rejection makes me feel

well you are a gardenia
well you are a gardenia

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