

## Carnation

The Jam

If you gave me a fresh carnation  
I would only crush it's tender petals  
With me you'll have no escape  
And at the same time there'll be nowhere to settle -  
I trample down all life in my wake  
I eat it up and take the cake  
I just avert my eyes to the pain  
Of someone's loss helping my gain  
If you gave me a dream for my pocket  
You'd be plugging in the wrong socket  
With me there's no room for the future  
With me there's no room with a view at all -  
I am out of season all year 'round  
Hear machinery roar to my empty sound  
Touch my heart and feel winter  
Hold my hand and be doomed forever -

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I would only crush it's tender petals  
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And at the same time there'll be nowhere to settle.  
And if you're wondering by now who I am  
Look no further than the mirror -  
Because I am the greed and fear  
And every ounce of hate in you.