Platforms / Swan Dive

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Life knocked me off my platforms So I pulled out my first pair of boots Bought on the street at astor place Before New York was run by suits And I suited up for the long walk Back to myself Closer to the ground now With sorrow And stealth

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 inhibition 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 fail All the chance that 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 to get my feet wet until I drown

I teeter between tired And really, really tired I'm wiped 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
In the shark-infested waters
I'm gonna 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 dry 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 just need a couple vaccinations For my far-away vacation I'm going to go ahead and go boldly Cuz a little bird told me That jumping is easy That falling is fun Right up until you hit the sidewalk Shivering stunned

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