

# Vertical

Animal Collective

Mountains in Kauai  
Make me feel so lowly  
Cower at their power  
Vertical I like  
Dizzy under buildings  
Bending like their willing  
Is it what I'm seeing  
Vertical is fright  
Hard to gain perspective  
Often it's perplexing  
Reaching for a record  
Vertical is sight  
Hanging on a pylon  
Dropping from a million  
Jumping hill to hill on  
Vertical is height

People live above you  
Postured like a totem  
Runnin' up some stairs oh  
Vertical is might  
Stalling on a nose and  
Places to propose in  
Seeing everything from  
Vertical is light  
Diamonds of the sky on  
Black and endless background  
Reaching out to grab them  
Vertical at night  
My imagination  
Reaches to forever  
Like an endless tower  
Vertical I write

So high and still it sends a feeling through me  
(Oh up above me falling over)  
Suddenly not vertical

Breathe in the air the goes through a system that is  
(down below me working steady)  
Weary when it's vertical  
A tree we are with limbs extending to the sun  
(Single holly  
Finches calling)  
Very lovely vertical

Come find me floating up if you should find me gone  
(Nice and  
Breezy  
Spirits easy)

Did you hear a child say?

My feet can't cross the parking lot  
The parking lot is way too hot

Then everything went vertical

At the tips of cities  
Birds are tracing columns  
Windows bend in wind  
Vertical in flight  
Down below a statue  
People stand in poses  
Making good impressions  
Vertical delights  
Lying on a trunk  
And waiting to be dreaming  
Startled by a thumpin  
Vertical insight  
Lots of people thinkin  
Thinking about falling  
Nothing but a rope so  
Vertical hold tight

Sometimes you feel the pressure dropping on you  
(Heavy folders  
Daring soldiers)  
Crashing from the vertical

I start to wonder does this system matter?  
(Crumbling boulder  
Couldn't hold her)  
Only if it's vertical

Even in leaves some creatures build themselves a home  
(Ancient maples  
Empty stables)  
Can't always be vertical

Lifted above the din their worlds a peaceful dome  
(Natures diet  
Finding quiet)  
They don't hear the child say

My feet won't cross the parking lot  
The parking lot is way too hot

The everything went vertical