Mean Flower

How beautiful you've made yourself How cruel you've become, How so much like another That its no surprise That I don't recognize you now so Beautiful and cruel

You're the meanest flower

You raise me off the ground To see how far there is to fall, As if I don't remember How we passed the time, As if I don't remember how Your face fell into mine

Oh, you're the meanest flower

Notice how I vanish And your world remains, You show your head above it For spite, nothing more, Like you thought just living Was somehow its own reward

You're the meanest flower

Joe Henry