

# Oh Sister

Neutral Milk Hotel

Oh sister, don't be afraid of me  
I won't be nailing you down in the nursery  
Just like the rest of them did with those watery  
Wandering fingers of spit that were supposed to be glorious and fine

Oh sister, won't you believe in me  
I only wanted to be hard on the family  
Here with you now in this silly infirmary  
Your mother makes frantic and drunk calls from Germany all of the time

And oh sister, sweet brown and beulahery  
Milk from your blisters on your grandmother's jewelry  
There in the parlor all naked in front of me  
Watching the lights from the cracks making archery animal designs

Rose Wallace Goldaline just moves her mouth over anything  
That's fleshy, free, and flowering  
Like oranges out in the open  
But don't you waste your sins again  
She don't need you or won't fuck your friends  
And you, well you're American  
Self important boiling over  
To prove that she must still exist  
She moves herself about her fist  
And won't ever never give a shit  
About all those words you're wasting  
To gain some pretty, bright, and bubbly  
Wondrous dream you'd like to kill and cling and claim her as your own  
But don't you worry all those dainty and dirty  
Emotions just go away and fade out on their own

Sister, now that you're leaving  
Our fingers will fal too, our lungs will be leaking  
All over each other and without even speaking  
We'll know that it's over and smile and go greeting whatever comes next

And oh sister you're getting married  
To some angry twister that you'll have to carry home  
Drunk every evening from the cemetery  
And if he makes it back half alive you can bury him under your sheets

And oh sister now that you're grieving  
I cannot imagine there is any meaning  
Forgetting you ever could once have the feeling  
That made you keep on and continue to breathing of all of this world

And in an age of empty rings  
I don't want to feel a thing  
I don't even want to know  
Rose Wallace Goldaline  
Don't you ever die on me  
Don't you on the way you go