

# Green Beans

Pretty Balanced

hyphen

i taste  
paint fumes  
in my  
mouth and  
i taste  
acid  
on my  
tounge  
i want  
freedom  
from these  
paint fumes  
i want  
freedom  
i've been hung

generic brands [or] green beans

there is a can in the corner  
of the pantry  
and it doesn't have an expiration date  
we're both afraid to go near it  
although it looks  
to be some delectable green beans  
and we both like green beans  
we're both quite partial to green beans  
and it looks to be some tasty canned green beans  
yet  
still  
we  
don't  
go  
near

we bought together this apartment  
just out of college  
and we made our share of crucial mistakes  
forgetting that we lived together  
at the tender age of 21  
we bought generic brands  
oh no  
but yes we did  
oh no  
but yes we did  
oh no  
but yes we did  
oh no

with all the nutrients soaked out  
packaged in plastic  
with sorry yellow labels peeling off  
the damaged goods we scrimped and pinched for  
try make it pretty  
surviving on and living for the cause

that goal you know the cause  
believe in it we're living for the cause  
we climb to reach the stars  
they  
stay  
so  
far  
away

two kids can make it on their own  
it can't be hard to do  
just get a job and an apartment  
and some  
furniture and shit  
no need for chairs no need for something new  
you can live secondhand  
but then you know you're living secondhand  
and then you wonder are you living  
at all

beware of gas bills and electric  
taxes and water  
remember when they weren't there at all  
but i believe you when you say  
that we're okay  
and we'll make it someday  
if we keep on living this way  
i believe you when you say  
that we will be okay  
and we'll make it someday  
if we keep on living this way  
i believe you when you say  
that we will be  
okay