I Wish, I Wish

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Small plastic shells line the shelves, filling my mind with wildly romantic thoughts.

Demonstrate to me under amber light the transparencies and solids in my chest.

I am waiting for you to serve me that spiked begonia fruit.

Stained lips, a tattered dress, and I still don't know who I belong to.

This is my party and my eyes are heavy with nostalgia.

Take your hand away, I don't want it near my mouth.

Your wailing won't penetrate I have lead in my heart.

Put your sign down your message doesn't matter.

I'll drive right through you.

The seafoam walls and Windsor chair is a picture, a memory of things stolen.

The crucifix you once wore is spiked through your lips and it's staining my dress.

I once read about this moment in a newspaper that hadn't been printed.

Now I am beginning to think that I can fly right out of here.

I will live in the mud with grass stained knees and a dirty heart.