

# Ani DiFranco, Tiptoe

tiptoeing through the used condoms  
strewn on the piers  
off the west side highway  
sunset behind the skyline of jersey  
walking towards the water  
with a fetus holding court in my gut  
my body highjacked  
my tits swollen  
I'm sore  
the river has more colors at sunset than my sock drawer ever dreamed of  
I could wake up screaming sometimes  
but I don't  
I could step off the end of this pier  
but I've got shit to do  
and I've an appointment on tuesday  
to shed uninvited blood and tissue  
I'll miss you I say to the river  
to the water  
to the son or  
daughter I thought better of  
I could fall in love with jersey at sunset  
but I leave  
the view  
to the rats  
and tiptoe back