

Charlotte Martin, In Parentheses

State of pain
Like mercury
Hearing pink illusion
Gorgeous at 85
Older at 23

I drink the water out of time
I said, has anybody seen
The whirlpool floating in my mind
I said, has anybody seen
This is the low that I could find

And I'm on solitary sand
And I've been stepped on by a man
But I stood taller than I am
In parentheses

Beauty queens are very shy
More than lash that meets the eye
So she jumps then wants to fly
But it's too late now
I'm in denial

I get midevil on boy bands
I said, is anybody listening?
The way life makes the nice girls fast
I said, is anybody listening?
It isn't just a lucky chance

And I'm on solitary sand
And all the bullshit from a man
But found exactly who I am

I'll never be the vision of a girl who can write poetry
I'll never be the little black dress we've seen on Natalie B.
I'll never be five foot ten, I'm barely five foot three
I'm on solitary sand, but in parentheses