

# 10,000 Maniacs, Katrina's Fair

[ lyrics: Natalie Merchant/music: Robert Buck ]

greta's cedar hope chest  
is full of pamphlets  
glass shelves of romantic vignettes  
a journal laced with sedimentary prose

norma gathers and collects vintage photoplays  
hair combs valentines

lillian allows the animals to scratch  
leather crack  
mail collect in the box coatings peel

agnes veiled cathedral dweller  
smiles with benevolent pain  
it's katrina's fair tuesday morning  
as she with caution unlatches the flat door  
she alone cascades to the basement  
careful not to spoil her  
calico printed pinafore  
composite traits mannerists  
all others dissipate

margauritte vigilant dwells upon frigid casements

sarah's thoughts in the velocity  
accusations always pierce and pass

clara abandons her passions for distastes  
miss lenora p. sinclair  
early for coffee in the pool  
"i'm resituating all your words"  
capital  
space  
colon  
paragraph

sylvia keeps beasts in jars labeled  
kingdom phylum class order family genus species