

# Neutral Milk Hotel, Oh Sister

Oh sister, don't be afraid of me  
I won't be nailing you down in the nursery  
Just like the rest of them did  
With those watery, wandering fingers that slipped  
That were supposed to be glorious and fine

Oh sister, won't you believe in me  
I only wanted to be hard on your family  
Here with you now in the zillionth infirmary  
A mother makes frantic and drunk calls from Germany  
All of the time

And oh sister, sweet brown and beulahry  
Milk from your blisters on your grandmother's jewelery  
Here in the parlor all naked in front of me  
Watching the lights from the cracks making archery  
Animal designs

Rose Wallace Goldeline just moves her mouth over anything  
Fleshy free and flowering with oranges out in the open  
But don't you waste your sins again  
She don't need you  
or won't fuck your friends  
And you, you're American, so important boiling over  
To prove that she must still exist  
She moves herself about her fist  
And never ever ever  
About all those words you're wasting again  
Some pretty bright and bubbly wondrous dream  
You'd like to kill and claim  
And claim her as your own

But don't you worry  
All those dainty and dirty emotions just go away  
And fade out on their own

Oh sister, now that we're grieving  
Our fingers will falter  
Our lungs will be leaking  
All over each other and without even speaking  
We'll know that it's over and smiling or greeting  
Whatever comes next

And oh sister  
You're getting married with some angry twister  
That you'll have to carry home drunk every evening from the cemetery  
And if he makes it back half alive you can bury him  
Under your sheets

And oh sister  
now that we're leaving  
I can not imagine there is any meaning  
forgetting you ever could once had the feeling that made you keep on  
And pretend you were breathing  
Of all of this world  
And in an age of empty rings  
I don't want to feel the thing  
I don't even want to know  
Rose Wallace Goldeline  
Don't you hang that lie on me  
All the way it goes and flows