

# The Waterboys, She Tried To Hold Me

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She said Im looking for perfection  
As she strode in my direction  
She cast her mantle round me,  
Said Im completed since you found me  
She executed her enchantment  
Secreted me in her encampment  
With diversions and pretences  
She dismantled my defences

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She told me I was unrealistic  
And then she went ballistic  
In her powder blue pajamas,  
Me some flotsam in her drama  
She said loves what I believe in  
But inside she was seething  
With a cyclone raging under  
Like she was skin surrounding thunder

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I made it to the stairwell  
In the street I muttered farewell  
With a driving wind agin me  
And shame exploding in me  
It took me six years to begin again  
To feel secure in my own skin again  
For she lingered like uranium  
Like a demon in my cranium

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All this was long ago now  
And if I knew then what I know now  
Id have deployed a little patience  
Id have laughed at all her stipulations  
But I was young and I fumbled  
A boy-fool whose castle crumbled  
I couldnt save her  
Though I forgave her

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