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# Frozen

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Tumbled in with all these sharks Swimming in the bathtub, I can't hear you anymore The World Fades Away in the distance I hear nothing but breathing We are Frozen For a millionth of a second The heart's reasons seen clearly

The heart's reasons seen clearly Even the hardest will carry its whip-marks and sadness and must be forgiven

All disappear into thin air

We are silent within the water it coaxes us it whispers "I want you to walk the plank and push me over. Like a severed anchor, I want to sink."

All your muscles unclench Everything fades You sucumb to the water you give it an inch We are one with the water nothing matters. Or if it did you don't remember why You stay there Under the water it feels like forever

Take a deep breath

bring your head to surface

And the world begins again

(as it turns out forever really wasn't that long under water)