

Don't Give Up

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Section 1 (2:34)

“ARTISTS SHOULD NOT HAVE A CHILD”
I AM NOT MARRIED
I’VE NEVER BEEN A MOTHER

I AM SOMEONE, NOT SOMETHING
I’M A REALIST
I’M NOT THAT IMPRESSIONIST

HERE I AM AN AMERICAN PAINTER
WHERE AM I AN AMERICAN PAINTER?
HERE WE’RE THE AMERICAN PAINTERS
SWEAT, WE’RE AN AMERICAN PAINTER

ARTIST-PARENTS PASSAGES
CARDBOARD ON THE WALLS
THE PAINTERS OF MODERN LIFE

WE’RE BUSY WITH WHAT WE CARE ABOUT
I IS HAD GONE
I’M NOT LOOKING AT YOU

CARE CARE CARE
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MAURICE DENIS
ALICE NEEL
GATHER ENOUGH CHILD CARE, CHILD CARE
GATHER ENOUGH SELF CARE, SELF CARE

MAMA DON’T GO!
DADDY COME HOME!
DADDY DON’T GO!
MAMA COME HOME!

99% OF PARENTS ARE ALIVE OR HALF-DEAD

Section 2 (4:06)

DON’T GIVE UP, DON’T GIVE UP
GET THINGS DONE, GET THINGS DONE

WHAT’S THIS FEELING THAT NO ONE WILL EVER WANT
TO HAVE SEX WITH ME FOR
THE REST OF MY LIFE?
NOT SO MUCH FUCKED AROUND, A ROUTINE, NO
DESTRUCTED DAYS, AND FIXING STUDIO HOURS

I WANT TO KILL SOMEBODY
I WANT TO KILL SOMEBODY
I’VE NEVER HAD LUCK WITH HIRING
SPORADIC SALES UNHELPFUL, HOW DO I MAKE
THINGS ORGANIZED?
I’M AWARE OF MYSELF PAINTING ALMOST TOO MUCH

EVERYTHING ELSE IS UNREAL
COLLIDING TOO MUCH WITH MYSELF
STAY IN THE PRESENT MOMENT WITH BABIES

DON’T GIVE UP, DON’T GIVE UP
GTD, GTD

I USED TO HAVE A WHOLE CLEANING RITUAL
I START MANICALLY CLEANING UP ALL AROUND ME
I STARTED MEDITATING
LEARN WHAT I AM NOT
PIERCE THE BALLOON OF MY EGO
WORST ENEMY IS MYSELF

I LOVE MY BABY
I HATE MY BABY
I HATE THAT I SAY I’M NEVER GOOD ENOUGH

I’M NOT GOING TO REMEMBER HOW TO PAINT AGAIN
I’M NOT GOING TO BE SOCIAL WITH ART FRIENDS AGAIN

THE CHILD, PART OF ME, THAT PART HAD GONE
I WILL NEVER BE ALONE ANY MORE!

PARENTS CAN ONLY PERMIT DIFFERENTIATION WITH
KIDS IF THEY’RE FULLY AUTONOMOUS
SUCH A PARENT CAN LIMIT AGGRESSION ‘N WORRY
WHEN REACTING TO KIDS’ INDEPENDENCE

MY KIDS TAKE CARE OF ME
MY KIDS TAKE CARE OF MY ESTATE
MY KIDS TAKE CARE OF MY PAINTINGS

Section 3 (4:02)

THOUSAND MILLION WAYS TO RAISE A CHILD

M U M S, MUMS! D A D S, DADS!
BRIT POP WAY! A UNIT, PLURAL! COLLECTIVE "THEY"!

FAMILY FAMILY
WE'RE PUTTING EGOS ON THE TABLE, INDIVIDUATING
PUSHING UP AGAINST A SMALL PACK OF PEOPLE
WE'RE BASICALLY TRYING TO KILL OURSELVES AS
FAMILY

NARCISSISTIC PARENTS TRY TO SHAPE YOU
WHERE IS A MALE ROLE MODEL?
WHERE IS A FEMALE ROLE MODEL?
HOW'S MY PAINTING? HOW'S MY PAINTING?
HAVE SOME DEVIATION
INVENT YOUR MODEL
I WASN'T READY FOR IT
I GAVE UP SOCIAL "I"

NEMESIS NEMESIS
THE HARD STUFF IS A BOREDOM
DOING THE SAME GAME OVER AND OVER
TODDLER'S REALLY HARD
TOY BLOCKS ARE FALLING 200 TIMES
I'M WORRIED ABOUT KILLING MY SOFTY

HOW TO RAISE A STRAIGHT BOY?
NOT SO MUCH OUTLET FOR EXPRESSION FOR A BOY
UNLESS YOU ARE GAY GAY GAY
NOW EVERY GIRL IDENTIFIES AS LESBIAN, BISEXUAL
AND QUEER
WE ARE NON-BIRTH DADS
WE ARE QUEER MUMS
I AM AN EXO-PARENT
I DO PUSH MY CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF THEIR COMFORT
ZONES

IN THE FUTURE, ALL BABIES ARE FROM A TEST TUBE
NO COMFORT OF THE WOMB THE REST OF OUR LIVES
UNTIL THEN, WE HAVE TO HANG OUT WITH OTHER
STRAIGHT PARENTS FOR AT
LEAST 10 YEARS

I FEEL A LITTLE OUT OF IT
THOUSAND MILLION WAYS TO RAISE A CHILD

Section 4 (4:00)

ASTOUNDING RAW ENERGY, SPIRITUAL MIDWIFERY
DOPAMINE DOPAMINE EGG EGG SPERM SPERM
YOU FORGET A LOT OF PAIN INSTANTLY, ONCE IT
HAPPENS
UNKNOWN UNKNOWN SPERM SPERM EGG EGG

A SPIRAL OF WATER, A BABY STICKING HER FINGER
TELESCOPE ME BACK IN TIME, I DID THE SAME THING
RELIVING A LIFE AGAIN, I IS HAD GONE
PROUSTIAN MOMENT EGG CHICKEN CHICKEN EGG

WE ALMOST GAVE THOSE NAMES TO BABIES
EARTH, DOUGHNUT, WALFGANG, LUAN,
PETER, MARCELO, AMRITA, SNOWY,
TYRONE, TY, ELIZABETH, MARSHMALLOW
ARTIST-PARENTS AS INSECURE VOCALOIDS

AU PAIR, AU PAIR, A DREAM OF TRAVELING WITH A
NANNY
THIS CREATURE, THIS CREATURE, I FEEL LIKE WE ARE
HELD HOSTAGE
BABY WIPES BABY WIPES THIS IS A PSYCHIC PREPA-
RATION
BABY DRY BABY DRY I'M AN INTEGRATED ARTIST-PA-
RENT

MUSEUM, BE FLEXIBLE! ARTIST-PARENTS.COM
BABY'S MY ROOMMATE
DON'T DROP MY ROOMMATE
PERPETUAL EXHAUSTION
HONEST-ISH COMPANY
WAILING CHILDREN, SLEEP DEPRIVED CHICKEN

HOW TO MAKE IT TO VENICE?
HOW TO JOIN DOCUMENTA?
HOW TO REPLY TO ZWIRNER?
BE A SUSTAINABLE ARTIST?

STIGMA OF BREASTFEEDING IN PUBLIC
"IS THAT KID TOO OLD TO DO THAT?"
UNWANTED ATTENTION?
TOO MANY PEOPLE RECOMMEND THEIR WAYS
SHUT THE FUCK UP
SHUT THE FUCK UP
LET ME BOND, LET ME BOND

AGENCY AGENCY
NO 8 KIDS, JUST 2 ARE GOOD
NO 8 KIDS, JUST 2 ARE ENOUGH

I HOPE I CAN AFFORD THEM