

# Little Miss Know It All

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Little miss too-big-for-her-britches  
miss I gotta see the world

did you listen to some big talk  
and trip over the oldest tricks  
in the oldest wolves' books  
when you ventured outside  
(come a little bit closer)  
your tiny safe house?

did you think that those  
who would rather go limbless  
than shameless  
really meant it when they uttered  
(no really, I'm not lying, no really)  
words to your full sincere face?

your crown is at your feet and you're alone  
on this mottled plain.

Little Miss,  
you can no longer be a little miss  
in a world where the peddler comes to call  
with glass  
(look, gen-u-ine crystal)  
and curled white plastic he passes  
as bone

in a world  
where lepers are still lepers

and the idea for their  
cure  
has long since been overblown.