

DUCKLING FOR HIRE

🦆 will follow you closely
taking tiny toddler steps
creating 🦆 own struggle
to keep up with you

taking tiny toddler steps
you selected 🦆
to keep up with you
lucky for you

you selected 🦆
a miniature duck
lucky for you
🦆 will stay like this

a miniature duck
you will sex 🦆 wrong
🦆 will stay like this
you will forget 🦆 age

you will sex 🦆 wrong
fluffy consequences
you will forget 🦆 age
chide 🦆 for childish chirps

fluffy consequences
🦆 getting used to it
chide 🦆 for childish chirps
this other-life-sized duck

🦆 getting used to it
🦆 learning about this body
this other-life-sized duck
slapping webbing on kitchen tile

🦆 learning about this body
in your palm a fuzz ball
slapping webbing on kitchen tile
🦆 will follow you closely

You sang in the car and I

_____ didn't know how,
_____ didn't have time to prepare,
_____ didn't expect that pitch from you,
_____ didn't decide on one for myself,
_____ didn't articulate my trouble,
_____ didn't watch the corner of your eye for cues,
_____ didn't realize how easily natural testosterone falsettos,
_____ didn't register your anxiety as productive androgyny,
_____ didn't see my voice or hear my body,
_____ didn't project, spat back indecisiveness,
_____ didn't ask for a second chance,
_____ didn't process nail polish remains as a question,
_____ didn't see you as a question,
_____ didn't know I too threw a question from my mouth

You sang [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] didn't know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] time [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] didn't expect [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] trouble,

[REDACTED] didn't [REDACTED] cue [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] didn't realize [REDACTED] natural [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] androgyny,

[REDACTED] didn't [REDACTED] hear my [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indecisiveness,

[REDACTED] for a second [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] didn't [REDACTED] remain [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] see [REDACTED]n,

[REDACTED] didn't [REDACTED] question [REDACTED]