## **Birthing Addicts**

## **Melanie Martinez**

Pupils begin to observe
Watching the waste on this earth
Mamas don't love their kids like they used to
Letting them smoke their herbs

Nails bitten down to the nub Palms out as far as they run Soup never reaches its boil Dinner ain't the only thing they spoil

Let the maggots and worms infest your brain Got your memory all fall, times begins
Let that hell of a drug emerge in your veins
And I, will claim that I love you
And I am the one who birthed you

Skin tearin' down to the bone Freckles fall off as they're told You realize soon your identity changes No longer the person you were No longer the person they adore

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Thank you mama
For all you've done
Gave me cancer
And thick black lungs
Left me rotting
On the street
Rather shoot up
Than have food to eat

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