



Mitski

"Come Into the Water"

Be the Cowboy

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Dead Oceans

# self-portrait of the artist in love as mitski's be the cowboy with red lipstick & ice (after Kaveh Akbar, after Sara Mae)

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*"Maybe I'm the same as all those men / writing songs of all their dreaming."*

-Mitski, "Come Into the Water"

I rest my elbow against the laminate bathroom countertop  
as I paint my eyeliner into a fraternal pair of twins.

I put on drugstore-brand mascara  
& buy a bouquet of sweet peas for myself.

Onstage, Mitski's hands are camera flashes  
& her knees are taped with polaroids.

I collect washing machine quarters & they all adore  
my partner's name. If my body is made

of crushed little stars, then my name is carved  
into a planchette in Texas. I might as well wait  
for the Thursday sky to clear to shine my pellucid joy.