She uses a jet pack.

It’s part of her.

Part of her?

Yeah, her jet pack comes out of her body. Like Wolverine’s claws.

Does it hurt?

Every time.

It looks...

Like a second grader drew it.

No! It’s great! Have you shown this to anybody?

Not yet.

What- why?

(Julie sings “Perfect.”)

I NEVER LEARNED HOW TO DRAW A LINE
NEVER STUDIED REAL DESIGN
AND SO HER CHEEKS,
WELL THEY LOOK MORE LIKE TEARS
I ALSO SUCK AT DRAWING EARS
MY CIRCLE’S REALLY SOUND
IF A CIRCLE ISN’T ROUND
IT’S CLEAR NEITHER ONE OF US HAS THEIR FEET ON
THE GROUND

IT’S HARD TO TELL MYSELF THAT IT’S ONLY A
SETBACK
WHEN EVERYONE I KNOW LAUGHED AND TOLD ME
TO GET BACK
BUT I WON’T SIT AND ROT
AND WAIT FOR WINGS I HAVEN’T GOT
SO HERE’S A CUSTOM BUILT-IN JETPACK

PERFECT
I KNOW DEEP DOWN ONE DAY SHE’LL BE
PERFECT
AND SHE’LL GROW AND THE WHOLE WORLD WILL
SEE
EVERY SHADE, EVERY LINE
THEY COULD FADE, STILL THEY’RE MINE
IT TAKES TIME TO MAKE SOMETHING GREAT
AND I’VE GOT THE TIME TO WAIT
UNTIL SHE’S PERFECT

(Julie pours herself more wine.)

BEN

SO WHAT IF YOU CAN’T DRAW A LINE
ALL YOU REALLY NEED IS-

JULIE

More wine?

BEN

No. Wait- sure.

THAT WOULDN’T BE A CRIME

JULIE

Don’t worry.

I DRINK ALL THE TIME
(She pours him more wine. They drink throughout.)

BEN

BUT SHE’LL ALWAYS BE BEHIND
SO LONG AS SHE’S CONFINED
TO YOUR BOTTOM DRAWER
WE’LL NEVER KNOW SHE’S MORE
THAN AN IDEA IN YOUR MIND

THEN I BELIEVE THAT SOMEDAY OUT OF THE BLUE
YOU WILL GET EVERYTHING YOU WANT
AND YOU’LL FINALLY BREAK THROUGH
STILL IF YOU BECOME THE BEST
AND YOU RISE ABOVE THE REST
IT WOULDN’T BE PERFECT
SHE COULDN’T BE PERFECT
HOW CAN ANYONE
ANYTHING
EVER BE PERFECT

JULIE

THAT’S HOW YOU BUILD A WALL FROM THE GROUND
YOU DON’T NEED MUCH TO BREAK IT ALL DOWN
BE A WEIRD AND DIFFERENT FLAVOR
DELUDE YOURSELF IN YOUR OWN FAVOR

BEN

THAT’S ALWAYS WHAT I USED TO SAY
I LOST MYSELF ALONG THE WAY
BUT YOU DON’T THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVEN’T GOT
THAT’S KINDA, REALLY HOT

JULIE

YOUR FEARS VANISH IN THE AIR
IF YOU THINK THEY WERE NEVER THERE
BEN

AND YOUR FLAWS CANNOT NOT PERSIST
‘CAUSE YOU KNOW THEY DON’T EXIST

BOTH

AND THOUGH NONE OF THAT IS TRUE
THE WORLD WILL NEVER HAVE A CLUE
WHEN WE STAND UP AND SAY
“FUCK YOU
I’M PERFECT!”

WE KNOW THAT WE’RE SCREWED UP YET WE’RE PERFECT
AND WE’LL GO FAR IF WE DON’T LET FEAR MAKE EVERY SHADE, EVERY LINE
IF THEY FADE, WE’LL BE FINE
IT TAKES TIME TO MAKE SOMETHING GREAT

BEN

BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE TO WAIT?

THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE ELSE WHO SEES IN HER,
ROCKETGIRL, THE VERY SAME THINGS YOU DO,
I’M ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT IF YOU JUST TOOK A SECOND GLANCE
YOU’D SEE SHE’S READY TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD
SO TAKE A CHANCE,
I NEVER TAKE A CHANCE,
SO WHO AM I TO PREACH THINGS THAT I’M GUILTY OF
CONVICTIONS ARE SUCH PERFECT CONTRADICTIONS
SO IS LOVE-
NOT THAT WE’RE IN LOVE-
BUT WHAT I’VE BEEN TRYING WAY TO HARD TO SAY IS YOU AND I WE’VE SEEN HOW QUICKLY GOOD THINGS SLIP AWAY.
WE’RE NOT LIKE OUR HEROES, THAT’S TRUE
BUT IF YOU’RE LIKE ME
AND I’M LIKE YOU
WE COULD BE

JULIE

PERFECT

BEN

IT’S NOT THE FIRST IMPRESSION THAT YOU SEE

JULIE

PERFECT

BEN

IT’S EVERYTHING
AND ALL THAT WE CAN BE

JULIE

EVERY SHADE, EVERY LINE
THEY CAN FADE, STILL THEY’RE MINE

BOTH

IT TAKES TIME TO FIND SOMETHING GREAT

BEN

BUT I’M NOT THE KIND TO WAIT
ANYMORE

(Ben kisses her. It lasts for a second. She pulls away slowly.)

JULIE

I’m sorry. I can’t do this.