



Catch Phrase

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say what you mean
not what i want to hear
words growing from your tongue
in a garden of flowery phrases
just roll them up in a ball and throw it to me
to catch
if it's over my head
it will bounce off the wall and go splat on the floor
leaving a mess for someone to clean up
if i step in it, i may slip
and fall
and break my bones
or knock the wind out of myself
and lose my breath
so you pack the words tightly together
and toss it to me
spinning and flying as if in slow motion
i wait patiently for it to come
i raise up my mitt
and catch your drift