

## Enticements for Disaster

When you're five they say

Never talk to strangers

Never get into their cars

Never let them lure with candy

As if you were a worm on a hook waiting for that poor little fish

Now they say for next year

Never get into a car with someone who has been drinking

Never get into a car with someone who is on drugs

Even if they've only had one drink or one cigar

Never risk your life to avoid peer pressure

It's better safe than sorry

It's all the same thing, same idea, same "I know ok?"

It's never the same when you ignore the deterrent and actually swim a little further each time towards the worm

You're not always thinking about the nevers and the don'ts,

Your mind is frazzled and you're sick of thinking, sick of tests, sick of school

You're in the moment, living life

Until something happens

Realizing the worm was dangerous even though the other fish claimed it was fine

Fine like they say after the party Friday night

Fine as they get into the driver's seat and beg you to come

Fine what you're supposed to say when you decide to leave

Fine what you notice when you're taking the train safely home with your friend

Fine when the fish swims away from the hook

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