Where image matters the most

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Her parents told her she looked pretty the way that she is // And there's a reason that God had made her so big. // So at night, she dropped to her knees and prayed that the kids // Would use sticks and stones instead, 'cause the names really sting // And broken bones would never hurt as much // As the weight of these words that crush her thirst for love // Makes her feel as if maybe she deserved it once // But there's a time to be loved, and hers is up // See, she smiles at the boys, and they're smiling back // But it's malicious little giggles trying to hide the fact // They're high-fiving and joking behind her back // But she knows, 'cause she's developed an eye for that // See, the food is like a vice, gets her through moonless nights // Superheroes don't exist, but she can supersize // Can't lose the weight, but could lose her life far easier // Repeating the thoughts of suicide // 'Cause they tease and they joke about extra meat on her bones // She looks at them, like, 'I know, just leave me alone.' // The funny thing is that if you speak on the phone // You'd fall in love with her sweetness of tone // And for reasons unknown, be drawn to her charisma // Treat every word as important as a whisper // Her heart's so big, it's supported by a figure // That's made to carry a heart that's abnormally bigger // She decides, 'It's either a change, or I'm leaving for good' // But her reading won't change, so she makes eating kaput // In a society where image matters the most // Little girls have got their fingers down the backs of their throats // She gets skinny and sick, but people compliment the weight loss // She just wants to fit in. Now the consequences take off // Sick days have risen, school thinks she's probably lying // Rib cage looks like a prison and her heart's locked inside it // Misplaced praise given, and she's gotten to like it // Soon she'll even slim down the 't' from 'diet' // Trust me, little girl, I know there's more to this // Than the awful things we do to pursue what gorgeous is.