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My Friend The Dictionary

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OLIVE

I saved a chair for my dad
in the fourth row on the aisle.
And it may take him a while,
but when he gets here, that's his chair.

'Cause my mother's in an ashram in India.
I saved a chair for her, too,
but it's merely symbolic,
as daily she washes herself in the Ganges.
And I live in a house
where there's an oversized dictionary
that I read as a girl on the toilet.

I love my dictionary,
and I love the indented border.
Ev'ry word's in alphabetical order,
ergo, lost things always can be found.

And I wrap my head around the fact that in one book
is the entire language of our species,
which is a fav'rite term of Nietzsche's.
Who's the great-grandfather of Christina Ricci's.

(Laughs)

Yes, I joke, but the words in the dictionary
are the friends that I'll have forever,
more than the friends I have made in school.

CHIP & CONEYBEAR
She's such a lovely girl,
with a lovely little voice.

SCHWARTZY
And I've heard that she's pro-choice,
though still a virgin.

RONA
And she talks into her hand,
an often used technique.

OLIVE
What you do not understand
is once I say it, then I've said it.

RONA
And so much to her credit,
she talks into her hand and turns aside.

OLIVE
So I will not make a mistake,
and be disqualified.

(spoken)
B-o-a-n-t-h-r-o-p-y. Boanthropy.

PANCH (spoken)
That is correct.

OLIVE & RONA
My/her friend, the dictionary,
is a very reliable friend.

OLIVE, BOYS & GIRLS
Do do do do do do do do
Da da da da da da da.