

## My Sister, the Package

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(Promising)

Shiny paper wrap.  
A perfectly tied bow.  
Symmetrical corners.  
Precise alignment.  
Looking good.  
So pretty.

A rumble.  
A stir.  
Wild child  
Exploding  
Walking shame  
Bouncing chaos  
Down the street.

(Deceiving)

Shiny paper wrap.  
A perfectly tied bow.  
Symmetrical corners.  
Looking so good.

Car wrecks.  
Bounced checks.  
Dress overhead.  
Danger  
Erupting within.  
Walking shame  
Bouncing chaos  
Down the street.

(Lying)

Shiny paper wrap.  
A perfectly tied bow.  
Symmetrical corners.  
Looking so good.

Hospital wards.  
Doctors galore.  
A frail girl gone  
Down  
Out  
Flat.

(Despairing)

Shiny paper wrap.  
A perfectly tied bow.  
Symmetrical corners.  
Looking so desperately good.