What gives this mess some grace unless it's kicks, man - unless it is fictions, unless it's sweat or it's songs? What hits against this chest unless it's a sick man's hand, from some midlevel band? He's been driving too long on a dark windless night, with the stereo on, with the towns flying by and the ground getting soft. And a sound in the sky, coming down from above, it surrounds you and sighs and is whispering of what pulls your body down, and that is quicksand. So climb out quick, hand over hand, before your mouth's all filled up. What picks you up from down unless it's

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tricks,	What gives this mess some grace ? (unless it's kicks)	man?
When I've	compilation manur 2007	been
fixed I am		con-
vinced	01. Alela Diane – The Pirate's Gospel	that I
will not	02. Okkervil River – Unless It's Kicks	get so
broke up	<i>03.</i> Voxtrot – <i>Firecracker</i>	again.
And on a	04. The Go Find – 25 Years	seven
day high,	05. The Dø – Stay (Just a Little Bit More)	that
heavenly	06. Dirty Projectors – Rise Above	song
punches	07. Beirut – <i>Cliquot</i>	right
1	08. Feist – One Two Three Four	0
through	09. Samir Barris – <i>Le Fossé</i>	m y
mind and	10. Soy Un Caballo — <i>Robin</i>	just
hums	11. The Weakerthans – <i>Tournament of Hearts</i>	through
my blood.	12. Spoon – <i>The Underdog</i>	And I
know it's a	13. Calc – <i>Avalon By Night</i>	lie, but
l'll still	14. Stephanie Dosen – Only Getting Better	give my
love. Hey,	<i>15.</i> Emily Haines & The Soft Skeleton – <i>Doctor Blind</i>	m y

heart's on the line for your hands to pluck off. What gives this mess some grace unless it's fiction - unless it's licks, man, unless it's lies or it's love? What breaks this heart the most is the ghost of some rock and roll fan, floating up from the stands with her heart opened up. And I want to tell her, "Your love isn't lost," and say "my heart is still crossed!" I want to scream, "hey, you're so wonderful! What a dream in the dark - about working so hard, about glowing, so stoned, trying not to turn off, trying not to believe in that lie all on your own." *painting : Franz Eybl, Young Girl Reading (1850)*

