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No, please, after you  
Always putting others before myself  
Everyone has their faults, and maybe that's mine  
Putting the pieces of someone's life together is nice  
Even if I know I'm missing a few of my own  
Really, I promise, it's fine

Although, I politely decline the title of Mom Friend  
You should still bring that jacket, cause it's freezing  
Sure, I carry snacks and a first-aid kit in my purse  
What? Don't you do that too?  
No matter the time, call me if you need a ride  
I'm here for you whether you need me or not

And that cookie-cutter mold of a perfect daughter?  
I practically constructed the blueprint for it  
A rebellious phase? Yeah, I can't relate  
I surprisingly really love my dysfunctional family  
But don't act up. Don't make it harder for them  
Or else they'll give you a good reason to cry

I shape and morphe and design and rearrange  
It's easy to be what someone else needs  
Because just like dinner, I don't know what I want  
But I'll just Salt 'N' Pepa the issue for now  
And Push It to the back of my mind  
Until we both figure out who I need me to be