

Beautiful Thin Skin

In the shower
 because she's dirty
 she's sweaty high
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 wash away pretty grease
 six lies, watching
 water run drip cold
 over hot heart thudding
 pound. Rinse hair
 peach scrub
 cream rinse
 mashed into her mind
 rose pink clawed
 frosted glass slide
 water breathe fast
 slow to calm this stream
 mustn't pass this gift up
 soap in the air
 clean every inch thin
 knock on the door
 to know
 if she's alive
 freely gliding powder
 she doesn't
 know why
 hot water razor
 perfect body
 knocking and
 she'll be out
 in a
 minute.

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