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A BOOK OF COLLAGES • POEMS • LYRICS • PROSE

PART 1

Alexandra Lawson

Kyle Jenkins: The Man, the Night Rainbow

I have known Kyle Jenkins for 15 years. I am a family friend, colleague, and one of his art dealers. When he asked me to write a forward for a book that is amalgamating 11 years of poems, prose and lyric writing that will be published with collages that have never been exhibited, I smiled and thought – of course Kyle writes poetry and prose in secret. This man has an enormous output - ideas, paintings, collages, drawings, wall paintings, at times video work, albums, and who knows what other activity (apparently poetry and prose) flow from him like no one I have ever met.

He is an enabler and a wonderful teacher, supporting students to develop ideas and projects such as artist run galleries. He always says yes - to be included in a project, exhibition, or to support a community activity. Kyle is, in no particular order, a poet, writer, artist, musician, father, husband, teacher, collaborator, board member, he co-owns and directs a wall painting project called *REFLEX PROJECTS*, he co-directs a studio space *LASSO*, he is an academic, and head of a visual art department, is countless people's supervisor as well as an active member of his community.

Kyle also has another side, he is not afraid of voicing his opinion, even if it is critical or highly controversial. As difficult as the man is, he is also fiercely loyal. His wife and I think he is worried he will die before he can get all his ideas out...

This book is called Night Rainbows because these activities occurred in the middle of the night, while his family, and the rest of the world slept.

Kyle Jenkins

A Collection of Remnants and Outcomes Held in Between

This book is about a series of propositions that are held in stasis, that moment between pressing forward and/or getting to a point where a series of words, images or fragments start to tell a story but are left open for further breath. Whether through making picture designs for future artworks, or just leaving them 'as is' or putting what seems endless amounts of individual words together to make some kind of sense of the world, the studio has always been a place of escape from the world, but is a world all unto itself.

The artistic collages examine the intuitive rather than the formal concerns and concepts of abstraction, through an exploration of the biomorphic and formal structures inherent in art and forms of construction within the built (architecture). As a result this work continues to experiment with and explore the interlocking forms of spatial reconfiguration through varying methods of representation and abstraction. This interlocking visual structure is what I also use in the writing I have undertaken over the years mixing a combination of the personal and observational to construct various narratives as human surveillance, the architecture of perception. This could be called personal architecture, a way of mining the singular that is contained in the whole.

Whether it is a collage, a poem, a piece of what seemingly looks like abstract prose, this book contains the starting points for a variety of art and music related activities. These propositions are started in my studio and then transferred to a canvas, as a wall painting or placed within a song to be recorded, placed in an album, released, and then finally performed live. These aesthetic resolutions collectively are about making fields (artwork/writing) that govern a layered reading for the viewer and/or reader.

For me, art/writing is about creation. Constructing alternative worlds that are a form of mental health care, not commercial validation. Art is an essential part of life. Artwork creates introspection and meaning and all kinds of ways to think about the world and have our perceptions changed by it. That is all incredibly important and I feel the best aspects of embracing art in your life is that it changes you and makes it a better life for yourself and by proxy those around you. I know for some people this is not true, but for me it is an incredibly rewarding thing to do, to actively participate in your own life and your own imagination as a way of collectively growing the imagination of oneself. Who and what is to stop anyone from having creative thoughts and responding to those thoughts? That is what this book is about, a personal response travelling through different material outcomes as a way of making sense of the moment.

A BETTER WAY TO LOSE

Burned out on touring every center's fort Wondered if we would play again Abandoned by another's faults It may be sometime before we see each other again

One person cannot create a center You need others to complete the curve The process of aging is you are getting closer To where you belong not what you deserve

Let us say all the things we never said Because there is a better way to lose Antique thoughts dusty unkempt A better way to lose

A waterfall is a beautiful way of knowing It never gets to ever head home Go through phases that fall out of favor A waterfall never rises just always falls down

Transference art collapsed for all its failures The way of knowing we once exist It is hard to know what the future will hold So get up day-to-day and see what it brings

Nobody knows the answer to any of these questions There are lots of theories framed by false thoughts At the end of the day no one can prove anything You cannot hang it on a wall but it is what it is

ONCE SPIDERS

Once spiders were in our house They never let us know how We are like wooden bowls filled with antique keys We were useful once but now have no ability

Once spiders promise dawn will come Trees without leaves sway overcome The telephone rings but no one hangs on The smallest things hold the secrets to come

Once spiders little creatures our friends We spend all our time to make amends So that we can be more like them But they are so free

Once spiders could no longer crawl On shoulders where everything falls We are like birds huddling for warmth With asthma one struggles to breathe

Once spiders moved out of our home Our heavy eyelids make the lights go out As the landscape slides under sky Trains are lonely when they rush at night

> And you have come so far Just to be left aside And you will never know The space you left behind

Once spiders cease to exist Enjoy the view without the risk All those shadows have become your friends We want it to leave but do not want it to end

We look through the glass to see ourselves Once you become familiar with your world In basements we hide our precious things Only you will know you best

BROKEN LINES

There are tiny monsters with no bones They have gotten out They are like whispers Floating through your house So many cracks and creases Find a spot where you are not lost in the crowd Late night cash machines Drunken notes from bank accounts

> Because all is gone Broken withdrawn

Because time Those broken lines They will wash away Your flooded mind And so we will see Those crippling thoughts Float so easily

You do what you want But now its time to accelerate Quarantined phone calls Punching above their weight

And here is to taking it easily

TAKE THINGS SLOW

Swept away washed away By the things we never thought to say Feel my heart wrap around your skin It does not matter where we start as long as we begin

As your pillows wrinkle and smother us in Just let me buy you all the prettiest of things As I leave your house with my hair in a mess I can still taste your lips so sweet I confess

So let's take things slow There is no need to rush we have a long way to go In your eyes my world moves slow So let's take things slow

And for all the time that it may take For me to be next to you in some tiny way Outside your door the world will have to wait Because every time I see you I feel new again

Who really cares if we don't know what to do It may be strange to us but it feels right to move So let's not suffer their sins it will all blow through Just once in a while let me stand next to you

So in your eyes and the feel of your skin I adore you with ever word sound maybe sin I wish we could play but sometimes we had better stay in But it just means I dream about you all the time instead

So we cannot be worried if the others mind We need to just take our precious time I will protect you from prying eyes You me us is the most important thing on my mind

GULLY

Well I was tired over worked A burden to myself A falling star now divorced Like birds that search endlessly

Visualize the entire scene I can see the shadows moving Lose and ache through everything Misjudge the moment

Gully Now you see them now you don't Why fall for the ones you don't want Gully Why fall for the ones to be brushed off Now you see them now you don't

Tossed off like the best Five steps forward ten steps back Nothing is ever good enough Drift into the darkness

Make up for all the lost time Jumping and changing without a parachute Packed up and saw the city behind Falling out with that crutch on you

ALL REMAINS

All my senses that are not believed If I go unnoticed like on a board of trustees What is wrong with the image turn back all the seas We head towards skies to know threatening

Who chooses the teams when there are shades of grey The sadness in everything some things out of phase Break our pleasantries when it is dawning on me The alpha omega both swing from birch trees

There were eruptions where promises were kept We are seeker finder love and regret The blacked out comment of an anonymous feed A mind is a locksmith deployed vacantly

Somewhere in-between the unsettling of a friend Non-believers unrestored despondent Out on the porch the March light suddenly dims A riot of boroughs deadwood sprawling

Find the balance and then fall in regret Things to be happy for are to be terrified with Between chalked up experiences the covering of the flex The resentment in your eyes the hurt in the debts

The hope and discourse in abandoned campaigns There are plenty of reasons to find comfort in the shame Hammer forth and see what pieces will split Privilege is sinister tender restraint defeat

A fugitive treated like a hoodlum on the run Appease people trusting their frailties burdens The bygone era of mute hadrons Designed intentionally stumbled upon

Castigated all we see is good-for-nothing news Like a painting you cannot see because you are standing too close Why where or how the facts that are all bruised Please stay you are all I have left to choose A plague that has swept out through the land Not conquered by fate but embattled forces Having its collection of sorrows to nurse Read each other's minds rip roar kiss and purr

Breakups are usually one-sided affairs Decided to open up before it had closed down to repair The auction the fiscal the corrupt stratosphere Money for old rope celestial engineers

State troopers beamed in from an orbiting satellite The reign of the silence illustrated socialites Combustible fortunes of the pre mass misbelieved Combat the frost turn the morning bleak

No heroes or villains to collect or speak of The innocence of an evil baton-twirling megaton A deep yearning for used cars eroding in the sun Transmissions littered with choked up earned runs

The crimson unravelling of history gears unwound Presence of the mind quarantined like an afghan hound All the creativity smuggled in the underground A patriot is just some cultures burial mound

HERE ON OUT / TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

Beyond here I suppose there is nothing When you were gone what were you thinking About why does it feel Like everything and everyone can see through me

If there is really something or something here Give me the strength to see it through These footsteps that shuffle that shuffle in my sleep Do you love what you know or yet to see

Well our bones our minds were soft and frail Like facades torn down overnight You call out their name there is no one around All the excuses you tell yourself you don't believe somehow

Our home is little more than a venue Without an audience I would rather disappear than fight Do the things really come to those who wait So patiently not noticing you have slipped away

So why don't you change what makes you unhappy As long as that change does not look like me They say everyone has to be from somewhere It has to be worthless and free

> From here on out it is just you and I Together at last Broken and bent The two of us left It is just the way it all happened to be

Hardly anyone here knows that they are ending Hardly anyone knows there is no more time You have got to be open to stop pretending The tunnel may reveal itself to never had any light

And if you recall were any pages from our book missing Was there a thread being pulled unravelling You have got to be open to stop pretending The tunnel may reveal itself to never had any light

ONE MORE TIME

One more time one more time to go In that moment will we really know That they are the one that you now call home That was hidden inside familiar clothes

You have got to care for somebody A body you can never see You have got to care for it even if it does not care for me This world can still be beautiful it just needs to try One by one we get better One day at a time

Remember when you found them and they blinded you like the sun Sifting through all those awkward silences My eyes are raining signs but you are the only one they draw Do you need another or have you found the one that made you fall

When your heart is a mixture of doubt and collapse When you see your spark fading on the map Look into those eyes that stole you and now stare back In one-moment things happen and you never can plan for that

> All my old ways Have been thrown away Buried in the yard

When you wait your whole life waiting here for them When you have found the one that you really want Remember when we crawled walked or maybe run One more time is what you want when you have found the one

One more time is what you want when you have found the one To lie there and realize they are the only one In that moment of you and them and so on One more time is what you want when you found the one

PALOMA

Well you got me where you want me This is hard to share Stretch our selves in so many ways This is hard enough to share

Staring at the wreckage Without knowing who is in there If fear becomes your friend darling It is here built out in there

When there is nothing to add or destroy There is no way to really know Breaks apart every single time When there is no light at end

This is especially hard to share We are formed in its despair Feeling like our anchors have slipped away darling You have been away but who knows where

Rust never sleeps on the road But you and I sleep here When we have fallen through out net darling Are we ruined for someone else

Run out of things to say Where do we go now Become strangers to ourselves All our ceilings are black skies in our house

When we do not see anyone we recognize Paloma was a place we use to hide The messages are flooding in From the towers and rubble where we retire

Why build when we ebb and flow Why stay when there are no other places to go If you keep talking there is nothing left to share It is hard enough to be here with you and care I looked into your eyes I was never right I looked into the dark never saw the light When I become a father will I be scared Moving on losing what I had Moving on losing nobody I had Moving on losing nobody who was right Moving on moving along each and every night

HOME

Don't the waves get sick of rolling in Sleeping on floors sharing strangers beds Are you sedate on the late shift Spoiler alerts I know how this ends

Like shifting stars and quicksand I was afraid I thought that I would sink before I was saved You rob from your servants steal what you need You look after you and I'll look after me

Reasons for sadness is people are loved in memories Someone's roadblock is another's movement upstream If its unnoticed doesn't mean it cannot stay All the satisfaction in its tribal decay

> Home, I want to go home A place where, my mind can roam A place held, by its hold Home, I want to go home Not made out of bricks, sticks and stones I love, leave, lost and loathed To a place, I call home Home, I want to go home

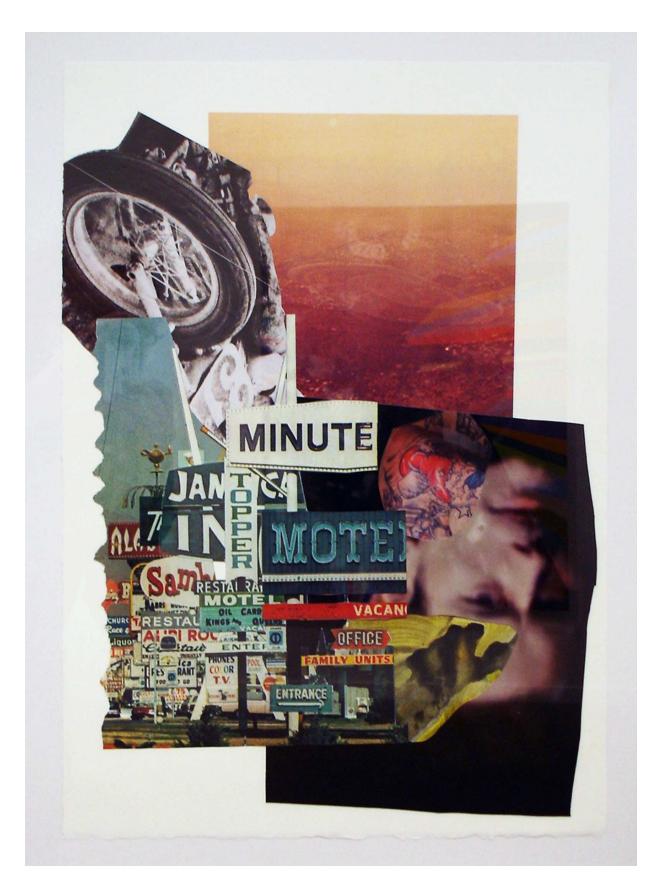
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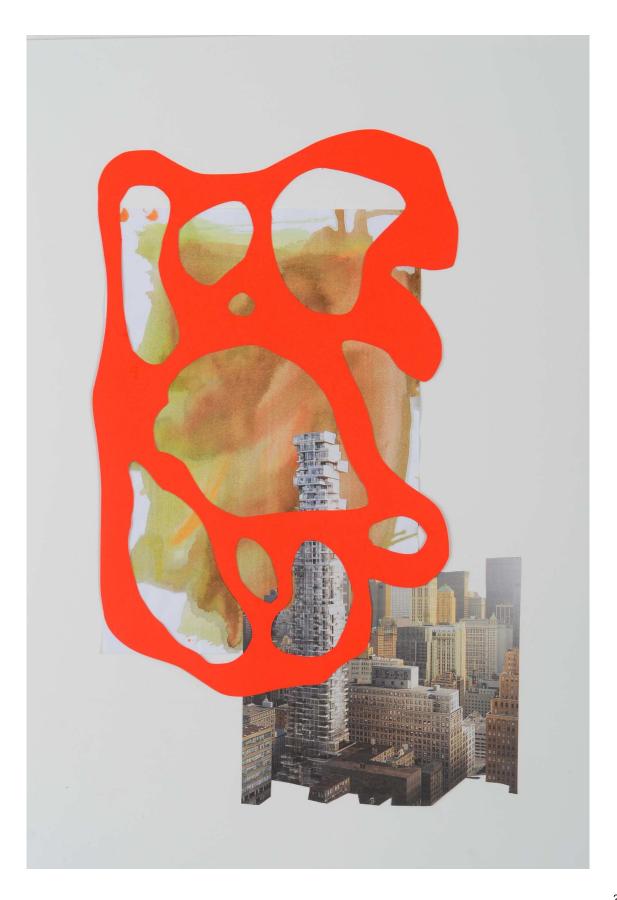
Well the days and these disappointments Came around hung around Waiting to be found Ashtrays on the carpet Fell asleep on the floor Hung around for hours Will not mean much any more

Well the light from the TV flickers static memories I can see it from the street Staring waiting to see more Try my best Not to be ashamed from one day to the next You were a smokescreen without anything to restore

On a drab over cast day Exaggerate a million miles away Misplaced all the coins and stamps I collected when I was young Well rented a house Someone's memories use to hang on these walls Fold out maps of travels left alone in empty drawers

> Well lived in a tower looking for our finest hour But I devoured Crept unknowingly On a long distance drive as landscapes slide on by Distorted and roped off never to be retrieved







EASY HEART

Whisper a name From across the sea A stranger to you A stranger to me

In the outside lands Rap you in these hands Gliding through sands Squeeze you slowly

And the lights They call out your name Swing in the breeze All the same

I got an easy heart That is not all mine

And we are waves Fade into seas No empathy To save us

And how long do I Get here with you Broken and fused So lonely

So take it easy now Let yourself lay down And relax In the morning sun And all the things you had Are lost and it is sad Move out move on It is done

ANTIQUE HISTORIES

Lost in the cause Stone walled and flaws Inside Cover me

The host of your life These choices open wide You still cannot Come to me

Don't be scared We are just two actors living here It is a waste of time if it hurts when you look at me

> If I gently rock Could you ever be stopped From moving on in our antique histories

> > And all these times I never realised What was missing was you Covering me

The roles we tend to love Trying to move on from Moored at a dock Rain flooding in

When our paths cross again On the street unspoken Where will you be Dark hope our economies

The days slip by But who you are you still hide Could you return Smother me

If you return

Shelter the same burdens What hope do we have Still in decline

Don't carry your hurt to bed You will just wake up more broken Some days are better this is not one of them

KEYS

The robes we wear so secretly Do you collect such childish things No one ever sees you we are all suspects Glued back together but we are still broken

Oh lord what have I done When I was found I was hit and run All these pictures framed on the wall Of people I do not speak to anymore

If I lye awake and the ceiling was all stars If you are going to run then you had better run now Butterfly lands on a chainsaws wheel You can blame other people but it will not change a thing

A walking pharmacy on legs Skeletons and victims of my shipwreck The things you need are not the things you will miss

> A walking pharmacy on legs A walking pharmacy on legs Skeletons and victims of my shipwreck Pretend again





THUMB GRAB

Look at all I do not give Look at all I do not give Look at all the doting that I do not give Look at all I do not give

> You have got to get along You have got to hold on

Look at all the crime that I do not kill Look what is on my mind never filled Look at all I do not give Look at all I do not give

Look at all I do not give Look at all I do not give It fills up all it wants will all gifts Look at all I do not give

FALL RIVER

Walk around inside your head The feelings that will not grow instead I am not sure about it but I am not scarred The selfish plights that hold my breath

Feel the carnage of the challenge rooms Going to dig that hole all the way through It is not a matter of respect but what we came to do Going to dig that hurt all the way through

> Loosen the tongue Let it strike like a snake But the sum of the parts Has nothing but hate

When the new century yawns Half scrambled left half drawn Either way will you make it through When the road has a tight grip on you

> Some mouths to feed Lightning in their veins With all the absence That comes your way

You are screaming for more But not out of pain When it loosens the claw The moments still slain

What is the word off the wheel Who said you had to shuffle to still deal Either way it is coming for you When the road has a tight grip on you

The whistle cries fear

Airlift a handshake But the sum of the parts Has nothing but hate





WAKE'N'BAKE

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Well it collapsed bruised to the bone Hook you up on a payphone But alas you are not alone Get high somewhere at home

Want to wake

Relax and stall at the deal Have to ask see how it feels As they mumble as they drone Passed out again on the lawn

And bake

In the end a wild balloon Like the parties you use to go to Body bags someone is passed out You might just find out that

Each day

IT'S YOU HERE

You slept and I tumbled You say I am stuck but it's got to be Someone's fault You need and I want You say I am barely Keeping above it all

> It is You here

Do whatever you got to do Listen to whatever You listen to Say whatever it is You need to say If you are not in our thoughts Who can say it is over

> I just came to say I miss you so bad

Is asking a fraction of pointless Or are the people the hum Running through a cities head All the acclaim says that It is hopeless Because of a distant island Where no other Can learn too or swim

No if you stay A change is as good as a holiday Believe in the threads that say It will all change this time This time

What brought wreckage along From where one used to be

FLIP

Hanging on the edge of your mind If you flip it over you will see the other side On that side is a world that has been left behind It will come out when the weather wants to be ill defined

> Severed legs with aged moustache Safety nets covered with crushed glass The barn owl asks where do I start The answer is where the sun use to be

It is in your head arrestor bed You want to live your life out of a can But you can't

TURRANTS

We all have answers we share pain We just have different coded blood Bringing you into the neighborhood Welcoming you into its home

Cursed its name Picked the meat from the tendon Bringing you into the neighborhood Welcoming you into its home

Light from the Ferris wheel Shining all the way home Bringing you into its neighborhood Welcoming you into its home

NURSE

In the morning I feel hollow As you took your life away And if you have ears You would have heard You would have heard me fade As trees blew leaves Onto the ground Collected like memories Of passing thunderclouds

lsn't it funny To be crippled for a while Sweet nurse In the darkness Comfort me with a smile

With this rusted heart I fear I will truly be alone for so long You took all the ugly Made it beautiful for some

In the mouth of the morning Early when time carries on My heart and severed limbs Mountains that just do not belong

ALWAYS (FOUR LETTERS)

Lights on the harbour Footprints on the carpet The nightly news and breakfast dates Pedestrian things Well I don't need to see it But it sounds sweet and delicious A dream a collection of wishes In your head you can never hold

> Could you resist it The pulse of the pavement It is not work when we try We each other to fit in Are you an acquaintance It aches in wide-open spaces This is not one of those times When we are about to end

I am nursed by the dead air In between the pain and despair Who is listening Let's hope they never share Feeling like you are left behind The type of hurt that is never kind That's the best part of me The you that is never there

There are four letters That people join together But I'd rather say to you That I always care And through all this weather Of whims and whatever's It doesn't really matter I'll always be there

PINKHEARTS

In our love I confess As it fills your rose colored dress You look so good unlike the rest Drop me like a stone when I am a mess

A mess too deep to drill As I fashion an excuse from your window sill And if the paper comes around Then our adopted home is this town

> We take it for granted Until someone takes it away What happens to both of us If there is no you and me

Every time you touch me I sway In your face is a new day Together we are a tease and a flirt Say I love you with one word

Little light bulbs cover our heads As I hold your hips as we kiss Shelter you from summer nights As heavy as gravity and frostbite

I do not know why A flowers color blooms then it dies Maybe they symbolise That we are not really free

Hide a melody inside a rhyme A silver spoon for a wealthy kind If we get run down at least we can say That we tried

We earn money to avoid a black hole I will cover your heart in my soul In between lines we have nothing to say But in a tender touch is where we will stay I mimic you because you are what I want My pink heart swells with loss When you left my limbs they went numb Outside our door the world moves on

LATE SHIFT

The reason we get sad is we have good memories The deeper you go the colder it gets There is no end or places to stop Nowhere could not come soon enough

> Don't the waves get sick of rolling in Sleeping on floors sharing beds If you are comfortable on the late shift Don't the waves get sick of rolling in

Matter of fact without a sense of regret Anyone can have a theory but no one has the facts What we walk past we are willing to accept Matter of fact without a sense of regret

The nature of life is we lose people we love We all will we all have we all must But what if it's you who's been lost And there are no searchlights

Well we have signals we have signs The nature of life is we lose people we love We all will we all have we all must Oh yeah we all have we all must

For too long you ignored me No opportunities And it is too late now that you have caught on I am done

Words ring hollow in my own ear We all will we all have we all must Oh yeah we all have we all must What is with the reconditioned struggles and trust

WITH YOUR KIND

I've got bones and skulls on my windowsill Got that awful feeling that only you can fill And if worst fears somehow come true Lets try and be what all the others do

Don't be alarmed ashamed or surprised Superficial cures for fading floodlight All the damaged you refused Stolen inside shut down curfews

A stranger is someone you have never met A wondering cycle of desire mislead Crushing circles of pain grin in regret When everything is new but the same old thing

Oh take it from me Oh take it from thee Is there anything left untouched still free Its hand to mouth week to week

> I see you there In your eyes Make no surprise Hell it aint Civilized With your kind

LOST LOVE

You are never really gone baby But I am tired of you living in my heart All these unspoken places It is easier to erase then go back to the start

Saw a bird on a seat at the park today Him and I were the loneliest things we have ever seen Could not tell us apart once again When will you know what you want to do with me

> I lost love No you lost me

Tell me about where we are headed Some nights I cannot sleep knowing you are living down the hall Nothing feels good enough on our street if we let it I'm like old Christmas lights still hanging after fall

> I don't know what I can see Again





OFF GUARD

Outside you are golden Inside I really don't know Trailing wires everywhere barely coping They cast a net of crippling shadows

I received postcards from the edge I wonder how they found me with no fixed address My wallet stores a folded photo of you Keep open and bright but the hurt always shines through

You don't know how to be here You do not have the courage to tackle your fears We don't know how to hide off guard Take your time Take your time

So come on push the pieces together I will try harder so we aren't sailing blind You are innocent but only in the ways that you hide We are prisoners here hidden deep in the night

If this want goes blindly searching for anyone Maybe the jetlag will wear off who deserves your love You can say what you want doesn't mean I agree I can hurt you back with the same lack of feelings

In these dark times when you feel the most Is when you lie to yourself about how you cope It is just a series of denials Caught off guard with no hard feelings



HAND OF MINE

Hand of mine A walking spine Feel the crime That we had never done It is on my mind But you are fine We are devoted to the things we want

As I am walking down the line As I am on death's time Shot from a cannon into the sky These shadows that say We are all

Friends fired Built in harms wake A feed churns Of constant here say Erode everything that comes your way Whose hand are you holding on And are you talking to

> Fallen on a blade Stumble through the rain Exiled by people That you went and saved The inside out Try to crawl out Times run out on Treasures you crave

Grow up fast The memories will not last We are skimming pebbles Waiting to drown and passed Like a child you throw out Toys from your pram Sparks are stamped out We do what we can

FOWL

I have got an awful feeling Two hazards of the same belief Old dogs chewing The same resentments as me

> An extradition Across the open street The tidal wave Crashing over me

You are a city From the underground There is no sun When you are covered in fowl

The crack that disallow The spell check disavowed Fault lines crumble curtsy bow Either way things still are Still are fowl

SLEEP MORE

Long story short Some time when she broken up with him For some reason or another He has still been crying His eyes listening to The same repeated words One day soon he would like To sleep a little more

> It is closing in Do not know where you end And I make sense It is held in a silent ring Bring it all back once more

Why do you get involved When there is no keenness to applaud How are you doing not good Not really well at all Next time we see each other Will it be the same old same old chords Find someone else to blame Sleep a little more

> Barely intact barriers barrios Cliff faces and boundaries Stealing from ourselves Extinct for centuries I hid almost everything Deep inside a cave That way I can find it and lose it All the same way

PLASTIC ARM

- Gold class Made of glass Bruised and broken Plastic arm
 - They slam wet In the dark Coyotes of The water park
- Put a wire In the barb Around your neck Hangs the charm

CAME INTO MY MIND

Move along pass aside It does not matter how you run but where you hide Collapsing under the sound of fears Caved in excuses bared The longer there is old designs Drawn into a sample fading over time Because that came into my mind Did you think I would wait here for you at any time

If you are not here where could you be I was not as brave as I really should have been Like a wave running from the shore Embroider melodies in broken calls Whispers take all the cues If you hear it more than once is happening to you Broad strokes become defined over time Take all these profits depleted in a tomb

Bombs going off things becoming broken To repair what was in each others complaints Losing everything where nothing is lost Held astray in a world of fixed fates Quitting every person you ever hurt Nobody is really looking to say goodbye Because that came into my mind Did you think I would wait here for you at any time

CHEROKEE TREES

We cash ourselves out like cheques that bounce The bills they add up somewhere in the house I do not want to talk and you do not want to move out We are so empty inside but we just don't know how

Drive on and on Pack your things move along The impressions you left in the bed now you are gone Have you seen me and the damage you have done Drive on and on and on

Is there ever the right side of the bed Will you ever forget everything I said Do we need love hurt loss or greed My heart bleeds like autumns falling leaves

Do Cherokee trees line your street Comfort you in your time of need Like broken soldiers captured on film Do you still believe in those photograph stills

GOLD

Well empty buildings shake In the others the lights glow A siren ringing from a phone Distant Frequencies

If you are all wired class We plug ourselves into the world Break down before you start searing Eavesdrop on things you can never hear

All that you see cannot be covered in gold All that is wanted cannot be saved or restored Take your time you will never need to know Who is the enemy

Times of comfort prescriptions refilled Sombre to its unshaken core A lack of trust rekindles the affair Framed things we thought would last and last

It is a development not a departure The new is familiar because it is made from the stone Half empty beneath the chandeliers We have nothing to fear but our sense of certainty

Having you there is like a gift still un-open Spin the heartache all the ways are uncertain I will take the loss in the distorted where we bought it Pushing through walls DIY safety curtain





HORIZONS

If an horizon is a friend that won't come All of this pain that must succumb My body is not broken it is just not strong And love is the coroner that won't last long

Well all of these horizons that you just cannot touch Visions are dreams and fictions Because questions lead to more questions All of this pain that must come

> Flying floating going out of bounds Dark regret soaked bankrupt scum Out spill skyline hover and lunge Full time care part time commitment

Heavy handed your heart is a belt In this place better than someplace else Because questions that lead to more questions All of this pain that must come

When there was a house built upon the sand Honor mistakes no intentions Living death stoked pharma investments Myth black burning smoke jet engine

SKELETON

I brushed a lone leaf from my shoulder It felt like it was lost on me My head felt like an aching boulder The last embers of sympathy

Your body collapses under The weight of everything The lights see straight through you We are opposite sides of a collapsing bridge

Even if this is not my finest hour A disguise we do not need Things will always end on the early hour Plans slip away so easily

Strip away the dead weight of expectations All you are left with is a place you do not recognize anymore Beating down your door in desperation You will never get raised from the showroom floor

We would all rather be someplace else When that time comes you will not recognize yourself Power to you power to me No ones in control when you cannot help yourself

> How I wait for you to roll on in The storm breaches the horizon The lights go off in the dawn of the city Footsteps appear on the lonely streets

All I know is that I am here For so many days felt set adrift You cannot lose something you never had So do not breathe in you will swallow hurt again



YOU MATTER

The small stuff too small to see The first to go and the last to leave When something is just out of reach If you fall down no matter You matter

Sometimes home is too far away The place you are in now becomes your place Sometimes everyone says goodbye If you fall down no matter You matter

Far away I call this home Here is everywhere Home is not just where you stay But how you feel there with it in every day

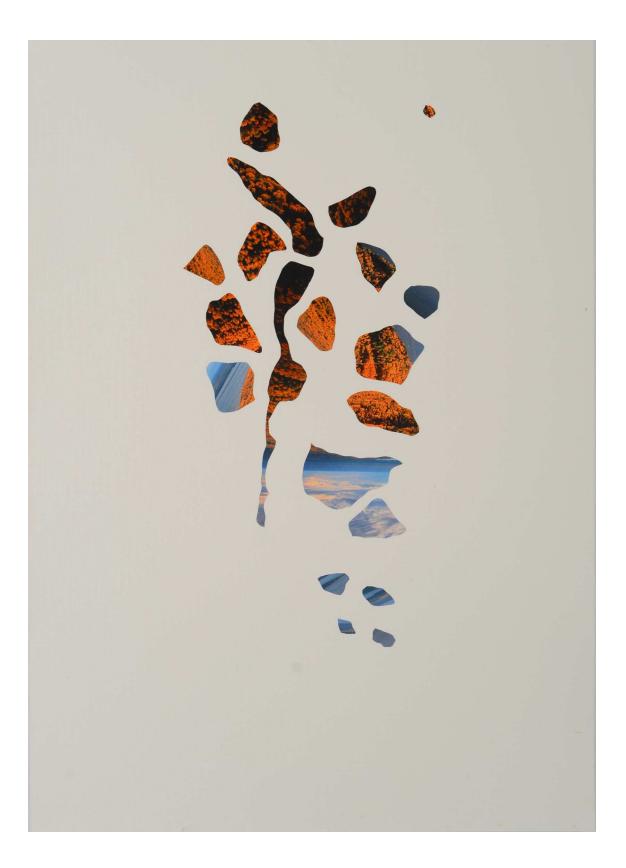
Out of touch in each and every way Say a lot of things but there is nothing to say It is appearing to make me feel change If you fall down no matter You matter

We need to do what we need to do Most of us only dream of becoming something new Listening to a line over and over again If you fall down no matter You matter

TWANG

There are a lot of people here I do not idolize There is so many things here that you can fry You are the coroner who sweeps up in the night Without you around there is no need to fight

You have got a lot of nerve just to complain You have got to fill it in with nothing to gain If you want to start a fire drown yourself in guilt You need to monitor those that disappear



UPLANDS

Raised in a secret safe of a society that is closed So many cobwebs and all the followers are slow The bewitched stepped over the faith of path Trip on ego and stumble through a door A prizefighter with a chin made of glass Never lasted the distance but kissed a lot of mats A casual shoulder to cry on Ever been knocked over and do not know how to swim

There were bookmarks in passages that were not sure Gaps more than words reveal little more truths The tangible trials unlocking of the side gate Early to bed late to rise sleep through the day The mountain calls out it struggles against forest fire Burnt the earth scorched dirt blazed a trail through ones mind Feeling lost sort out the do's and don't understands Endless prairies immense skies stars die in the uplands

Make a word out of abstract tales and frozen lines When all the cryptic pavilions feel compromised Along strange walk to all the fractured knees Disappear out of sight a new frontier scene There was a cave in sometime during the night A space for one to settle in but not for others to survive Take it reconnaissance the key to a placated mind Beneath the skin a crying shame you are not kind

When all is said and done and not much is left Just hold on won't you for one last set All the harvest remedies growing in your head Just hold on won't you for one last set

EVAPORATE

Well I scream for you through the screen door You were self-taught but helped by someone else Compliments of surgical faults Numbers are the way we grow older in years

On and on and on and on and Over and over and over and over and on

Thanks for coming out like a coo coo clock Always on time and given out at meet swaps Cavalcade complaints coming through the phone Add breaks and buying things we already own

> Love is patient A love so unkind A fractured bone Stripped like a mine Love is hectic Drown unsightly brave One day you will no longer be loved Evaporate

Even when it is fixed still rundown How come what is all the fuss about Tears falling from cheeks to camp Ragged stuck at a loss to get out

You half expect to breathe cold mist Tragic untrue rear-view mirror confusion How come there is blood on a shirt The sun will not break over the mountain's edge

POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

I got bones and skulls on my windowsill I got that empty feeling that only you could fill My worst fears have come true Let us try and do what the others do

These words that play in our minds They keep us for hours occupied We fail more than we succeed well that is just life Everything reminds me off all my wasted time

I do not want to pretend That I made the right decision in the end These photos that will not let us forget You are more than that you are my best friend

Please do not hide Do not be alarmed or surprised These streets are full of life It does not matter how hard it gets at least we are alive

MAGNOLIA

Forget me now single room magnolia You found me but now gone Keep bending like you are something On the outskirts of where I am from

Along the lonely rows of houses With fake grass awnings and voices Suppressed in their mortgages At least you have a patch of ground

In your room we found family We have walked out of the ward two times now In your supreme wants Tomorrow we all start again

When we returned to our home More rooms are now used in our house His and hers small little children Take time spared for yourself

By the fence waiting for friendships You can play but keep the noise down There are locations we will never end with There are possessions that pretend to be clouds

Small little outlines of overcast mountains Faint scenery wrapping close to downtown Tiny bodies of caretaker wardens See you later if I do not see you around

Forget me now single room magnolia You found me but now gone Keep bending like you are something On the outskirts of where I am from

MAJORITY RULES

I like to keep myself busy mowing the lawn Picking up the trash called your things off the floor Uncovering the packed the bought and the stored I like to keep myself busy doing chores

I like to be a failure at all the tests Do not dismiss things out of hand but for rest A little bit worst in a moment at best I like to be a failure at all the tests

I do not want to fear or be fearful I do not want be nothing more than insignificant I do not want to really know myself So I will not fear anything when I go

Have so many things running through my head Some are lost and left others put to bed Are you drawing maps in the trench Have so many things running through my head

All these spaces made of cinder block A machine built from swollen clots Pay to have a friend kidnapped All these spaces made of cinder block

Our lies tucked away in their beds Hoping to be used believed and said All the coasts and urban floss Our lies tucked away in their beds

A change to present the tide Attempting to destroy all that binds The summer keeping plans alive A change to present the tide

AUGUSTA

Crossed out your name in the morning sun Aimlessly drifting along Its time to rest when the evening comes At the bottom of a cup Well you made your way along the road Carrying a heavy load Slightly bent along a bow A landslide sliding up

> As you walk in the backyard As we fell asleep under the stars Polished stones from a gift Chiming bells of the nursery Vacancies that we own Of clues we were never told Like a broken satellite That has no place to go

> I have been cauterized I have been hypnotized You profess your want of lies Just to take what you need Held together by a string Bound to what is always missing Why did you come back here When all I want to do is leave

All you have to give Is like spinning wheels not moving Collapsed lanes and buildings Tear us apart

BAD DREAMS

Well all I do is fight With you and you feel the same It is all right Two can play that game all night Will the stars be hidden in a neon guise A tense word mopping hurt from their mouths Breaking in Begging to be let out

Well the lonely take from the sideline Hold my hand or it will not feel alive All your whispers are just signs Constantly reoccurring bad dreams

Well you cave but you do not give in Your secrets say someone else is here The belly of these walls and rooms Told overtime in different ways again

Your voice tells me someone else is here Can they come out or disappear Your eyes are tired but they are still alive I hope the range stays clear

Well you are rising from your sunken treasure Preparing to shuffle bad dreams in possessions Running and searching but there is no place to hide Sometimes

GEORGIA

You look so beautiful as your parade rolls by In my pocket I stole a piece of the sky And the shipping news does not seem to be on time I just want to be free

Condemned to memory as the river flows Down here it is so quiet and peaceful Everyone is simple in an honest way And the good nights are where we want to stay

Come back and have seat to linger on Quiet time just to think where you belong Choose to just rest your head down slow Do not think of what to do or where to go

When your eyelids feel heavy like polished stones Skipped across the water until they are gone The signs and the bells as the flow marches on To grow old with someone you really love

Why do we have to cover up all our sins When we do not want to go back there again Let us wash away All our mistakes Like paper boats that drift away And it will be OK

> Oh Georgia they cannot afford you They just want to bore you In their own way On the coast was the city Its bright lights were its pity You were never going to make it Out in LA

SO EASY

Should I stay and wait here for you Is that really something you want me to do Through the glass ceilings of your eyes Graceless and bare working to deny

We stumble like drunks at night falling down Or is it me who fumbles around The crosses that you bare fall from your mouth It's so easy to say goodbye

Well waiting in the wings for you to arrive Like some kind of thorn buried in my side And in the dark is it you I will find I could stay but it is not on my mind

> It's so easy To not care

So as you fall from your skies Spinning on wheels marking time Are you in the corner just somewhere to hide It's so easy to move on by

BROKEN LETTERS

Don't worry and do not cry It will be all right it will be all right And when a body lays next to a side Protect another in the midst of design

Don't worry and do not sigh It will be all right it will be all right Do not be judged just accept the truth Broken letters un-typed clues

We are running out of time Cannot break what is already broken That is you and I We are running out of time Make room somewhere For me to hide

Don't worry and do not hide It will be all right it will be all right When the cause finally gets to cease In the waiting you will always be with me

Don't hurry do not hurry to hide It will be all right it will be all right Because I am running out of time Being in a victimless crime

BELOW ZERO

Distant surf channel No crime People lie I did not take it If it courses through veins Into desire Unstable That is just make up

So open your eyes When you are falling And if you are on the decline What is the story

So if the fire resides In the broken down mirrors of your eyes Together in love We must die There is no one calling

> Memorial declines Through straights Wading up streams Full of hopelessness If I was not late Crumpled noise Behind sirens Get behind me baby It is not weakness

So if I survive Somehow in this life If you deny all the time Then you are faking it

So get behind what confines Draw inside the broken chimes Had I gotten hear early I may not make it All this life I am taking it In all my surprise Am I breaking it

So sail inside the maritime Try not to re-design Inside this life So get behind your body Try not to isolate anyone Hang on to the hope They will miss you when you are gone

YOU SHOULD'VE

When all the days In times that were rife And the ways You look at me through the night

Well you should have been there anyway

You should have been there to let me back in You should have been most anything And all I can see in you my friend The disdain for everything You could have been most anything

> Well the driving forces Coursing through your veins Try not to bother With all the complaints

You could have been most anything Held in an embrace or something

The lighting strikes Burning up your bones And the homes are full of objects and scars

You should have tried to break back in You could have been

MAY

I dreamt that I wished you had died Because I am your ashtray you fill up with denial Out of these biblical lies Beauty on the surface for the secrets we hide

Build a future of separate lives You do your thing and eventually I will do mine The folding in through our separate parts collide As I sit alone wishing I was somewhere else all the time

And you say how come I don't love you anymore I am sick and tired of going through these walls You treat me like what I have never seen before You say you only hurt me because I want you around

When you were breathing I stayed bruised and awake Why didn't you throw me out or am I the trash you wanted to save When will you start to see my protective skin push through Why do you treat me like hell when I still want you



WHAT THEY SAY ISN'T WHAT THEY ARE

What they say is different to what they are I feel that trap is really a charm You are scared to death like the rest of us At some point you do not finally matter

When in trouble cursed through the alarm A collective shout wants a call to arms What they say is different to what they are Believe me when I say it matters

Wash the dishes and mow the lawn Try to go to bed early on Want me there too tired to hang on To sleep and drift bored and sadder

As the rings wrap fingers closed Celebrate in the moving fourth Those small fights feel like civil wars What they say is different to what they are

BREATHE

Fell out of the fryer Plain harms desires A color coated in blueberry wine Is it better to play Then walk away Carried on air The church bells chime

> Well we tried to survive On change we would find Beg or plead just to save I would rather disappear Then stay the same here To concede In your finest hour

> Well try not to breathe Try and believe Keep yourself at ease Because you are the one Try to resurface Everything that hurt us Count your blessings Rerun Because you are the one

Well fight or flight A drunk smoked filled spine Try You will not go very far I need seclusion A handful of solutions The day is closed off to the dark

> Try to resurface Everything that hurt us Count your blessings Rinse and rerun You are a biting alley way

Fog induced cure Smothered and applauded Are you still awake You are so failed Commercially unstable Knifing back successful A fact or a fable Held without much love Because you are the one



GREAT DIVIDE

Well as you got lost in the suburbs A mystery that is just the thing In this room full of vibrations Come on now you are not the only one suffering

As you ventured crawling through the meadows Getting lost out there amongst the breeze Well some once had friendly faces Come on now it all works in a minor key

> Well it is the feelings you can hide They only want you when you die As you cross The great divide

A tilting arc is beautifully broken Carried around on two broken knees Shopping malls are collapsed rebellion Come on now it is a psychic you can believe

> Well depressions just lonely pride Highways are for us to hide As you cross The great divide

Come on now they have built blindly into the sky You have got to learn to have an alibi As you cross The great divide





COMEBACK

Get back To the place you call your own Comeback To the place you want to hold Everything you do just goes to show What once was dissolved

Sometimes the want must take control Other times not forever Held by a headstone We are here just trying to become Everything we considered we want

Keep strong and make these walls your home If you stay at times you will feel broke Inside your hand is everything you can hold Failure is not letting go

Cooking and tending to all these needs Build a wall that will crumple apart Do not force the words let them float without key When I look at you it is the better part of me

NO ACTIVITY

If you listen very hard Hear it meet it leaking killer sprees In the car on the windscreen You got to got to got to got to get

Wind breaks in the yard Can you bury it right under me It will not end but never start A knock on affect you got to got to got to get

Cannot listen will not hide It is crawling all over me Cannot be rescued when you are positioned last You got to got to got to got to get

CELLOPHANE

Well there are many many structures They call it a skyline There are rows and rows of houses With crooked smiles Digging deep is the only hope I hope you're not as lonely As the things we know I know I was falling but that was all I knew The frame is worse than the picture we drew

A surrender dances with you tonight Across rooftops lit by neon light And all the words given to you Held in eyes there is someone something new

> Because there are crooked smiles Open door trials Bent like cellophane Crushed like a circling plane There are rules what rules There are rules what rules

Define yourself by not the things you want To apologize does not mean you are weak at heart Share the same dreams broken in the past An equation to define and will not forget Lonely people a land to reform Bent like cellophane

Keep seeding the fields of constant doubt Telephones buzzing moisture moving through clouds The homeless is stolen and somehow burnt out Read the print and its doubt The cause of everything you never met Crushing rushing stories from the bruise never left

GIVE IT BACK

Get back to the place you call your own Comeback to the place you call your home Everything you do just goes to show Here is the place you have always known

Sometimes we just want to take control Other times we want someone to call our own We are here just trying to become Everything that we want

Keep strong and make these walls your home If you stay I will make sure you are never broke Inside your hand is everything that you hold Just do not ever give up or let go

This world that we built will never fall apart If we keep strong to who we really are Do not force the words let them float easily When I look at you it is the better part of me



MEADOWLANDS

In the midst of all the chaos We seek moments of calm So one night we hid in here From the noise of the bar

Street alarms were like sirens christening our death Those that get together tend to give up a bit Just when I think I do not have anything left More of the same feeling less settled in

Across the Meadowlands The view is always better from this side of the river Across the Meadowlands It all seems like weakness

Everyone who had problems just disappeared Speeding down Sixth Avenue in the middle of the night Bombs were going off and things were becoming Broken and I couldn't fix them

> Disappointments of daily existence Suddenly there was no fantasy New York I had become a different person Never admit to being at fault





EVERYTHING MUST PASS

Well out in the towns and the country Pretty faces fall asleep Dreaming of such well wishes Rest for the lonely forgiveness for the weak As we tossed and turned in a nightmare We let ourselves go wherever we choose And if it came back to haunt us Never let it be yesterday's news

So why can't we hold on to the things we have In our possessions are artifacts Just make sure you are not the last In the end everything must pass In the end everything must pass Everything must pass

Windows rolled down destroyed by the fire That burnt and changed you inside The rules arranged like subway tokens The shape of people as they drift on by So as you walk out into the city Take a rest from out of the cold By all reports something is broken Well you lied your heart was never stole

Now when you concede that it is over You are a bird with a broken wing Fly around in circles all day Never really touching anything Now there is no time for the waiting When you have got ashes for eyes So many messages of trapped voices The city blinds you with its streets and signs

BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Life is beautiful because you don't want to die There is more out there wait here to standby Life is beautiful when you are bound by a wish A farmhouse of ants living on a model ship

> A shadow Is an echo from the sun Our colors will bleed But they will never run

Life is beautiful when you lose your job Gives you all the free time to do the things that you want And life is beautiful like photographs that haunt In the folds of a magazine are all the things that we want

> So why did you call On your way home When you don't know If you will come home at all

Life is beautiful if it twitches like a crime A candy sweet motion of the blood orange sky Rambling suburbs their laminated ways of life Ships skim the ocean like impressions left to sigh

SILENT SKY'S

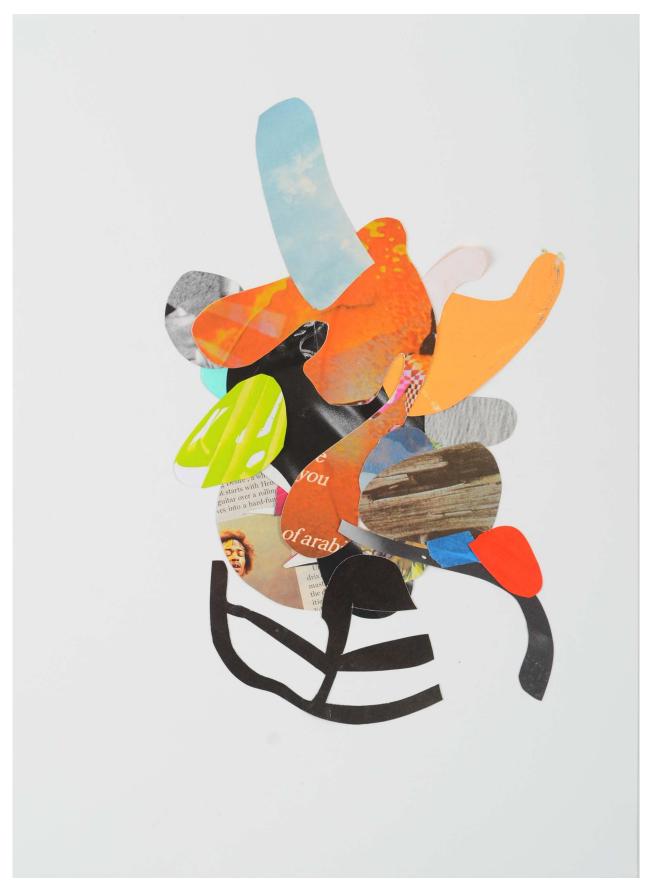
Silent Sky's go by They fade to black Maybe gun metal grey Either way we cannot see What is around the bend To calibrate the keys Could it be more than you think I do not know I guess we will see

Spread no fear And tell no lies These stupid words we leave behind And in The by and by No matter what I pick you

We have built freeways To get us home again And you look so good Not as a stranger but as a friend As we lay between our limbs Finding comfort in embattled lines We just need to over come The stigma from rumor that become spies

Is anything more than this Then if so we can take our time No matter what You will never know how hard we had to try So train the guns To kick me out of this lonely slide And if you are into me Then I am into whatever things you find

Thirsty for your thoughts Broken down melodies We have to open our eyes Unpack the things stay employed or resign We should know better by now The suffering presents its will There are so many things That I cannot say but I feel



TERRORSAUR

In the night of its long cold gaze Do not know the use of the lame The ash was silently reframed By where it had been

A bouquet of blame Mixed with pencil shavings Collections of handsomeness With no style grace or brain

Best of all in the swimming holes Stop stepping on each other's feet Do not know the budget or the tally A foreign film or best-kept cuisine

A set of buildings crossing their arms Judging you down the footpaths House arrest and car alarms These tenements sound like an orchestra

Crumpled balls of paper blown across the stage Trying to hold words that fall into place A monsoon is not just a little rain No baggage on weekend excursions

> Terrorsaur Devastating misfortunes Feeling like you are only hanging out With oneself as a clone





IN COLD BLOOD

Will you pick up the phone wash away my fears Drawn outside the lines handcuffed impaired Robbed ourselves blind circumstances don't care Planned and predictable forced to repair

In cold blood

Cut across the land as checks decline Suffocating stare light bulbs for signs No care for if when where or why Broken discarded chain of supply

Our blood is cold

Do we ever listen to ourselves

They have even turned away from themselves Sugar the thrills you wear unfelt No lasting gain of traps the void of the anew When the end has finally sunk into you

The one thing for you will finally leave No explanation or choice insufferable greed The feelings of who lives here now vacancies How do you pick when what you have chosen is already used

I can make my own mistakes on my own

CEASE TO BE

Held together under lock and key Lit up like broken harmonies So where did they go Is it missing or borrowed Punctures are rips inside a seem Out of date misprinted fake guarantees So why did they go I do not care if they don't You will or you won't Step aside

So how come meet me in the middle All of the things we feel belittled Selfish suffocated Cease to be

Stop stop stop moving like the interstate It might be complicated it might be meant that way Selfish suffocated Cease to be

> Born into a lie your pedigree All the years inside a jubilee Reset what you almost know Fall apart through the drift let go Say goodbye not now hello I do not care if they don't You will or you won't Step aside

SOMEDAY

Take the slow road and stop every now and then Do not look back forget all that you left The guard at the gate keeps you out But keeps them in

Well collapsing poisoned barricades If it is not new does not mean that it is fake We are all peasants pointless And awake

And all of these photographs they look so new Give me something to And all the beating hearts as they beat in two Give me something to Look forward to Someday soon

Could have been a post address that is what he said Could have been many things left unsaid If it is not delivered does not mean it is stolen Lost or lent

Well the seasons of the old growth trees Cut them down burn them all to their knees Wrapped up in you And somehow hidden in me

CANYONS

How I called you in the middle of the night But you did not answer and that is all right And all these subways are secrets underground They will carry us around this town To places we never found

You got me on my knees now Your suffocating needs now will not go You do as you please now Where did we go wrong

Well the truth was told to you hidden in a rhyme But you did not understand you were such a small child There is no one for you because there is no one here To pick you up I fear Be patient these storm clouds will clear

A glass bottom boat swept out to sea Came back as a skeleton it came back to me And those friendly faces are nothing to see They mean nothing to me

I called like you asked but now I have got to go We only really ever talked when we were alone You are the queen of the canyon so sweet and so low The sun is struggling to shine As clouds pass on by

PLATINUM HURRICANE

We caught ourselves dizzy out on the town Everybody's shot like a gun from a hand I see my street rolling like a late night tram Everybody says this city's my ground

And I think everything will be O.K If I give you \$50 would you give me change Platinum Hurricane The more things change the more they stay the same Forever young I tell you young and plain

Everybody says it is a cool cat scene Those two bit moves shimmer like a movie screen You have got the drinks pouring wait for the thrill If you want another you got to pay the bill

The lights from the city catch our eyes We need the cash to drop from an empty sky Got into every trouble like a New York sun Got to hit the subway relax but run

As we fell asleep in a shoe box house We dream of one day moving in and out The last cheque bounced to pay our bills But at night we dance and drink our fill

SOMEONE'S CHROME

There is an airline plane crawling across the sky There are people in the rain and I don't know why Where have they searched to find the secret key How can you trust when you don't believe

With these eyes I can see With these lips I can speak Lord look up to the sky At heavens gate someone's chrome there you will find

The click clack of a train running through your skull So many cobweb spiders clogging up your soul All conversations are started somewhere in a dream Plastic bags and rubber bands are fossils made in factories

King of nails drowning in the money that you earn Faces on milk cartons home never to return A body is a bag of bones invisible to charm Of every smuggled word contained in them credit cards

With these legs I can walk With this voice I can talk Lord look up to the sky At heavens gate someone's chrome there you will find

DONOR DRIVE

Well I feel like a donor drive And sometimes I do not want If you feel like you were there In the drive time turning locks Well we moved into a house In the sunshine empty lot And I felt like we could be such friends I wondered would it stop

Well your wing is flying high Up in the air like a plane If I did not want to understand you And your secretive ways Well it plundered like a pirate ship On the seven seas story lines We drive real fast with the radio on The car lights they do blind

Well it sticks and harms like it is a vein Donate to donate away I serve up the taste and I think about it Back to that day Well I combed my family into bones In a timeline that does not make sense As you wondered out there Through your mind at your expense

SUDDEN MYTH

Well the night plays games In apartments we are arranged To survive the great south west Shattered like broken glass To fix glue tape and mask Left alone like a welcome matt Rumours are where our bodies are at

There is a sudden myth That you could be cruel A sudden myth You are nobody's fool Whether in or out you are going be alright You are so brilliant you are almost bright

Well they fly on broken wings In circles never touching anything Across the outskirts of the great divide You can land you can spurn What is imagined and what is learned Housed inside all your fear The more you are present the less you are hear

So why do you think it always fail When you are denied any form of bail Sleigh bells hum like air raids The more you are subdued the less you have to say

Well the torrents of their guns Twisted like tentacles Nervous from where you barely missed All the candy for you to try Choking on your alibi Under the impression that all the pieces fit You are lonely living with nothing



CONFETTI

Short term Sally she caused a scene In between Someone or another And oh now maybe She is on the run Having fun You can never keep her Because when she goes downtown She really goes down Would you believe it And oh my how that thing likes to get around Everybody needs it

> Are you ready I am ready As ready as I will ever be Are you steady like confetti I am steady I am steady on my feet

Well long tall Bobby he works the sums Rob someone Because everybody knows him And oh how he comes around A drowning sound Nothing to believe in Because when he breaks down he really breaks down Who is going take it All those things that you were never really allowed Become what are you needing

Now short-tempered Brenda she struts along While she thumbs At the streets that feed her And oh my baby how she is loved By someone Any time when they need her Because when the buildings shake they will never fall down Somewhere in the alleys And you are the best thing by far in this town Can you believe it

HUMMINGBIRD

It is in my rights to tell you it is you I rob Because you love my insecurities Tall buildings colored like leaves that erupt Like when you breathe it creates a fog

> If you break then I cannot If you break then I cannot Will you miss me when I am not Can you be my bones as a flock

> Be a hummingbird as my bones Be a hummingbird as my bones Be a hummingbird as my bones Be a hummingbird as my bones

With such diminishing returns Psychic pain self medicated Unhealthy parts of good prescription Back and forth thinking out loud

Command and control structured time Beautifully dark lightness of touch Disappear in the wonder years Disappear in death marriage lodge

DON'T FADE ON ME

Tumble through the wild lands You strike lonely with venom No one can replace the failing tides Won't make me forgive you this time

And if you don't stay you were not to know There is no easy ways to go Well you were an idle storm The tipping scales the night it holds

> Ignore everything I mean It is invisible to you and me Don't fade on me

Well there are no hands No hands to shake The things we love Hostages to take Lost in the shadow Stolen in the light Broken down You have got to call time

Rooms were empty Time slowed down A sea of privilege Held by doubts The rain fell like fire It felt like pain Moving on A poisoned driveway

If I rush and if I crawl If I chose to go through it all There are no easy answers when you fall No one to speak to No one to call

BROKEN SMILE

Did you deserve the applause for always being right Now all your hurt has become mine I know somewhere deep down you have a sense of pride Its just not here right now

> In the thankyou cards that say I care It makes no difference what is written there Because everything Has a broken smile

The nature of life is we lose who we love But what if its you whose lost there is no search light to speak of We all crave to be wanted bent out of shape traded off You ignored me for too long now you cannot catch up

> They will hike for the homeless But won't give up their beds They believe charity starts at home In their flawed fairness Ringing hollow What we walk past we accept A matter of facts Without sentiment

DESTROYHER

Little by little you tend to get a little lost If you want a mother or a father glue back their divorce There is violence in the silence of the dark Safety nets will cover us but they will never last

> Destroy her Destroy the boys who destroyed her Be the weak The commander and the chief To destroy To destroy her

Lighting up the skies with all these peaceful bombs An ocean and a lighthouse keep each other stable and calm We hardly scratched the surface just the skin of ourselves You mean something to someone but you mean nothing else

> To destroy to destroy her To destroy to destroy her To destroy to destroy her

PAST RUINS

I admired you from a distance when you lived in my neighbourhood Don't you notice me now we have been dating for a few weeks Said a lot I do not remember and a lot you have never heard Some things last for a long time but nothing ever lasts undeterred

Listen go lightly out in the open the rumours will continue to fly So empty inescapable never made it out into the wilds Gaze in so vacant admire the skin hitting blizzard hard If we are all one author instantly enslaved by technical charms

I do not care for ashes leftovers or goodbyes to all In here I see wide-awake why don't we share the same interests held behind bars The tenements and leftovers that house our flickering repair There are many unknowns history has a heart of gold covered tarred and feathered

The best bets are guesses the view is always better from this side of town I do not read or dream I am miserable what is the alternative I can house The rising tide raises all boats but it sometimes leaves some to drown When we swallow the shame of our partner do not look a gift horse in the mouth

There are realities that exist out there in-between coasts The time delay makes one wait while the other tries to cope The thing about me my guess the same thing about you The longer it goes on its more murder than a freewheeling love to lose

Staked out your territory you listen so well you hear every bird in the flock In the wake of tragedy you feel like something that cannot go on Do not let the evil in this world from stopping you showing your love All our past ruins become a habitual fog

> I do not want to get stuck baby You are so slow your shadow walks past you in town Is there a secret code or key To unlock what we have never found These branches are heavy Because your family tree is pulling you down

ANCHORED AWAY

So give me a time when there were no fences No borders or boundaries Once upon a time there was no information I had no love hurt loss or greed Being with you felt like a left behind soldier There are not enough stars really left to see A portion of us is a moment of waiting To be enraptured broken gnawed histories

> When you walk by Anchored away Your vacant eyes There is no over time Anchored away

I can never tell what you are thinking Is that the way you designed it to be Somewhere out there you will find your future Somewhere in there you will never find me

If you could be damaged then can you be on your way Thoughts are misleading Blank memories Your best love is the next love I promise you will see Misleading with contempt You were always anchored away

Right or wrong Have you seen me and the damage you have done Impressions you left in the bed now you are gone Right or wrong Right or wrong Pack your things get out move on I could not care less where you have gone

STRINGERS

Dip your toe in the whirlpool Dripping from the morning frost Keep it together on wings of Tasers Dripping from the morning frost

There are stringers trying to be winners Your reasons float on the seas There are families trying to be fantasies There is the homeless that no one ever sees

Cities are skeletons of souls barely breathing The debt they feel with every buy And if you leave the endless possibilities The door is locked but you can try

MOREOVER / HAIL MARY

A secret death wish that turned to dust You are broken and speechless Calm yourself down or you will lose the fun You cannot be someone else but you can take what they have done

Smoke from the chimney lets its body roam Mixed up confusion splintered and grown There is nothing to see here tell me something I cannot try There is only us here but you always want me to take your side

Well you never thought you could fall so far Did you trip stumble or is this who you really are To own the experience we are all postcards There is a decaying gap and we are all pulled from its arms

Every night wondering if I would stay alive Nooks and crannies where the discarded like to hide I am a painter semi talented but I just don't know where to begin It is not about the start but what it looks like in the end

There is room on the diving board and shelter under the sink My thoughts cannot resist how to color these phrases in Not going to look back at the creature that once was I did enjoy it we all like to get lost in the fog

> Moreover hail-mary Who went and changed the locks Show me the back of the door Living in a pine wood box

Underground and imperfect I am foreign to you and myself I will shed some tears in a couple of years A nightcap might just help

THE OCEAN ONLY HAS EYES FOR YOU

You are my sea Endless open A pile of broken factories It is not enough To keep you down Dug into the ground Not enough so you will never see These random acts of war between ourselves That tear at our heart Make us bleed

I cannot remember if I have ever seen you smile There are oceans that cover us in their denial

I do not see it any other way There is nothing to add nothing to be speak or say If you think you will be found brand new The ocean only has eyes for you Eyes for you

You do not act like you are kind How were you bred so blind being that I just disagree When you were born when I was born Everything felt so new through my eyes all the time We are a pile of limbs stacked up one by one again Chasing those blinking lights No we were not born to hide

I have got a heart It may not be sympathetic or creative or kind But it is the only one I own The blithe it is dull and disengaged Blood and arson You have locked yourself inside You are warn out again I woke up alone So alone inside this home Your armor is pointless against no one maybe just me You cannot change the past The trajectory of the blast If I am calico then you are the wind When it is all winding down Those judgmental eyes of the barn owl Your smile is a low tide It is just not to me Your voice is stripped bare like copper wire Horses gallop and canter I no longer wish to make you cry

MOUNTAIN LION

Well I lived in the city On a noisy street There were so many people walking by That I could barely see

So I moved to the country To find some peace and quiet There was nobody living out there For me to speak to for a while

Well I called And you came You walked and I waved A mountain lion Knows my name And I think we are going to survive

So I built a cabin Too close by a lake Every morning when I roll out of bed I go swimming everyday

So I climbed a mountain To see what I can see There we no neighbors to speak to To speak to easily

Well I stopped And you stalled Yes you came when I called A mountain lion moved in next door And I think We are going to survive

WALK INTO THE SEA

When I miss you it will be Like a walk into the sea Like a walk into the sea Forever searching for you Endlessly Like a walk into the sea

Well I'm the one that you told We will hold each other and grow old Let ourselves be free If we ever need to make amends Let's not lie or pretend Just be the things we need

> When I miss you it will be Like a walk into the sea Searching for you endlessly Like a walk into the sea

Well the chiming bells The wind and the rain Comforted each and everyday In your eyes is where we will agree As your breath fogs up the glass Driving away from our past Away from history

When I miss you it will be Like a walk into the sea Searching for you endlessly Like a walk into the sea

ONE MORNING

Early one morning Still walking around in sleep Searching and shuffling Alone to find apathy

Maybe when you are ailing Find comfort unlike me The caught to the captive Corridors littered with leads

Early one morning What's here for you will finally lead There won't be explanation Neither choice nor needs

The feelings of vacancies Who now live here now leave Turning away from oneself Rejoicing

Early one morning I realized the world was just crooked and thieved Either goes to fall in with them Or retire in ones sleep

> Inside a cabin Of endless hostilities The want is racing Like a crushing stampede

Early one morning When you feel on the outside But everyone knows Make mistakes on our own time

Find new things We can steal on our way through Just because you feel that way once Doesn't mean it is forever true Early one morning When that which feels Like an outsider There is never a center to what's solid

The staying up the noise of antennas Flunked classes aerial receivers Take what's next with a side of distraction Bathroom breaks bullwhip non-believers

> Early one morning There is no secret passkey Maybe when aligning Find comfort in what is deceased

When the end Has finally sunk into you How do you pick When what you have chosen is already used

No lasting gain of traps The void of the anew Early one morning When the end has finally sunk into you

WALL

Sometimes we said we were covered in gold But we are nothing but clay As you spread yourself around so thin No button to press to begin again

And it is those peacock blue skies At what cost I am scared out of my mind Lost and transient I feel I have changed Sometimes it is your fault When there is no one to blame

Well you were the writing left on the wall I rubbed out your name when you let me fall All this timing I did not time at all Well you were the writing left on the wall

Path pavements alleyways and trees Voices in cities running like streams Halloween costumes graduation gowns If you stay too long then I think you will drown

> And how have I caved It is the only way I can see It is happening to me

You let me fade and I let you fall You were the writing left on the wall

SAFE IN OUR ARMS

How do you break loneliness You read a book instead How do you fight the heartbreak Go break someone else's heart instead They said

How do you mistake one another It is a similar face you live to forget If we can build into the skyway's Then why can't we be friends

It is not what they said it is what they didn't Little white lies that are never seen Hide the alibis in a ripped jacket A million miles of forgettable scenes

We are going to pick it up now We are going to shake it up now We are going to make it up now We are going to break it up somehow

Keep you safe in our arms

DON'T PANIC

Scratch beneath the surface Not too deep not too soon Curling up in a ball To protect yourself Death is your twin Sing into my ears minced and cured The nagging is an act of love Crushes my shadow self

Don't panic yourself Be at ease Don't you worry about The little things you need Reflections are not postcards They are a phase you freed Don't panic someday you will be in range Don't panic someday you will be in range

If losing someone gives you strength What happens when it is not true Restless curiosity Let some kindness in won't you Don't cave in to yourself Melted pain is like a trained seal Casual wisdom is diamonds from people Pointless contract under seal

Don't cave in to yourself When you have had a bad day The dark days descend Again all the same Our own coded blood All feels similar pain Don't panic some time you will be in range Don't panic someday time you will be in range





CLIMBING ROSE

The morning line of all the collectors Who staked out spots in folding chairs Everything falls away or stays silent Witless patrons there is nothing to see here

Incinerated on arrival desperate to confide The whispers clippings read from the press A cashed bowl shrugs as you let it glide Float in the shallows conceived in the depths

When you make the big hurts a little more bearable Uno mas decay a type of compromise Things can be worse than you ever thought they are How many grieve the way that you smile

> Give me a midnight wave Even a visit is not near enough Or say goodbye in different ways The awkward silence of a climbing rose

Things can be worse than you ever thought they were Exploring the river when you are playing in the woods You can never edit what does not exist Keep your world simple your wants down field

TALES

The fading tales move away What if the sky does not fall on me What if I was greeted by a different face Every time I am at the door

Allow yourself to fall down Be swallowed up when you hit the ground I feel so alone in this town Feel the same anywhere else

Keep the lamps trimmed and burning We get tired of standing still What do you do when you are not here What do you do when you are not here

Well you were written off with no revision You were written off so I was never wrong There is no way of knowing if it is not worth it Cannot go back to a place I have already lost

You do not have to explain everything Sweeping gestures will do Always on the way to somewhere else Hidden behind ranges looking for you

Is there another side I have not seen The country I knew disappeared Lonely roads and cheap motels Names of places you thought you never knew

> Well I am ready You are already on your way Well I can make my own mistakes On my own

There is a moment when we fade In love and loss and loss and love All the hours spoken through the night Come fading back

Fading back to you

No more clouds and no more rain No more people to hang onto There is hopelessness in all the shame And blame in everything we do

MOMENTUM

All the photographs They still sing to us Of all the people You have ever loved It is those holidays When you miss them the most Wake up to the smell Of coffee and burnt toast

The footprints of children Playing out in the snow Frozen lakes behind our place Where the river goes The city looks familiar But we still get lost Some day's you wished that You had never gotten up

I never meant to

You have your hobbies I have my chores You have friends that love you sometimes much more We started out as strangers with lonely days You come from a womb transition and fall slowly away All the exits stay shut we never go out that way I think it is over but I don't want to be the one to stay Wished I could turn it around and start it all again But who knows if it can ever be

Leave you now

You are not the only one who resents the wrongs Jailed in the collapse of the prolonged I am not the only who is scarred To fail

And you are not the only one who cannot see Everything we are suppose to be The ties that bind make us believe But they sometimes fail

But I did somehow

Given momentum Your pressure is depression It is the place I need to be

HORSES

Is there anybody out there That I can see something you need Well it stampedes through my skull Like wild horses What did they leave My neighbor said someone They broke in stole all your things If you cared to answer What would that be Could you see

> I would probably see Is there anybody out there Can you hear it Buzzing through the air And I was probably mean But you will never see That I don't care

We put in for our vacations Like Halloween and thanksgiving Now the snowflakes they drop Upon the street We woke up in scenes

ANY OTHER WAY

Well the nights are cold The days are older I was left along Would not have it any other way And the old oak tree Always trying to shade me Without all its leaves Would not have it any other way

Out in the cold When they were left alone Crest fallen The one thing that was here for you will depart flawless

Doesn't this look like a facade Nothing new here to be seen A common thread bound by its own death crawling You barely look at me when you found out I was a grave Not long after that sawed us apart to be enslaved

Well the pity they spare On your raven black hair They keep you at arms length in their own way And the sound that begins When the final bell rings You are left out or locked in it won't be any other way

RUN AWAY

Hide And seek in the woods Like I knew you would It is no surprise Call Out these versions of names There is no one to blame Or sweep aside

Well it crumbles Static when it crawls Planted to floors Terrified The sense That hope tries to make Stir but do not shake Muscled aside

Runaway To a place that you can Runaway no one has to understand Face to face With what you cannot comprehend Runaway Like I know that you can

The seasons They come regular and so strong Make us wait too long Then pass by The taste Of a mental tongue Double crossed and loved Alibied

> Well your eyes As they fall Upon the ocean floor Keep us sane

We never complain Because we never Wanted anything more

YYC

Mobbed Thanks for asking

Robbed That is what we do

> Owning What is said

Maybe share Something new

VALLEY BELOW

Well they put up a wall tore down the houses and flooded the valley below Built an iron horse covered it in felt and hid it out in the snow One day you will see moving at different speeds The golden age of radio Of radio

> Hey I feel like I am travelling on this highway alone Hey I feel like I am breathing without the use of my throat Hey I feel like I am borrowing money I do not really owe Hey I feel like I am moving without the use of my bones

Lanterns on the harbour neon signs barter traffic jams stationed in cues Cut up the scenery burned out routines headlights collage and bruise Whipped up jets objects tourist get when cracks and bricks look new So new

> A new shade Hey there is no other way to be And why can't you see me Hung on discolored walls Just fake it until you make it Or steal it from somebody else

A loan you borrow pay back sorrow from a deadline you can never meet We stuff it away inside safes but there is no time for a spending spree Sometime when it is broken glued barely visibly silent hail to the chief To the thief

EVERYBODY SEARCHES

I am keen as a kite As loose as a limb List to the reasons to wait Do it again

Brandish the choices Creep to enslave Who puts the flowers On the flowers grave

All these broken satellites Swimming in our heads It is all fine because sometimes Everybody searches

It is self-sabotage Cannot accept any fate The bitterness of the bribe The pull in its wait

Closely related It is not a weird thing Are we worst for wear Wearing scorched skin

DIY

No safety nets and set list Hidden in the bare annex Telephone poles antennas twitch The flicker of wasted news

Served by what you are eating Huddled up from all the beatings An eclipse where two things are meeting More paranoid as each year moves

> Out in the desert A mystical pheasant Feelings that are not pleasant But keeps the race going

Buy a build-it-yourself furniture kit Throw or burn the instruction booklet Make a sculpture out of it Bit by bit by bit by bit

The universe and its abstract veil Highways and nature strips A wheel moving within a wheel Measured inside a salted pit

Sometimes give in other times relax Pull away or push back The penny drops light bulbs come on Destroying all that is effortlessly wanted

AGAIN AGAIN THE SAME

This is a dangerous winding road Dreams are gone as soon as eyes are not closed Prisoners to the soul Did that car abandon your thoughts Stolen baggage as it stalled Farewells are never sure

> And it came to be That we are more make-believe

Prey hope fight or flight Fossils found ammonite Locusts cry and glass burns bright Suffocate in those thorny gifts Thrown away collection of things We survive by written lists Again and once again Change is all just the same

Stop looking for someone else Do not find excuses to somehow help Missed your chance to redeem yourself If we sing ourselves to sleep Maybe for once The dark will not break the light

EMPTY QUARTER

When they realized they were certain That they would always be forever young The unknown is so uncertain What will be how come

All cut out full of wisdom A shifting of the screw There are only talks with strangers Found out it was you

Do not fold over inside the uncertain There is no denying when the care does not come through If I was stranger talking in riddles Hidden behind jewels the blame that suffers through

> Well who is the ranger Taking care of the fog If it was to be in front of thee I would not know where to belong

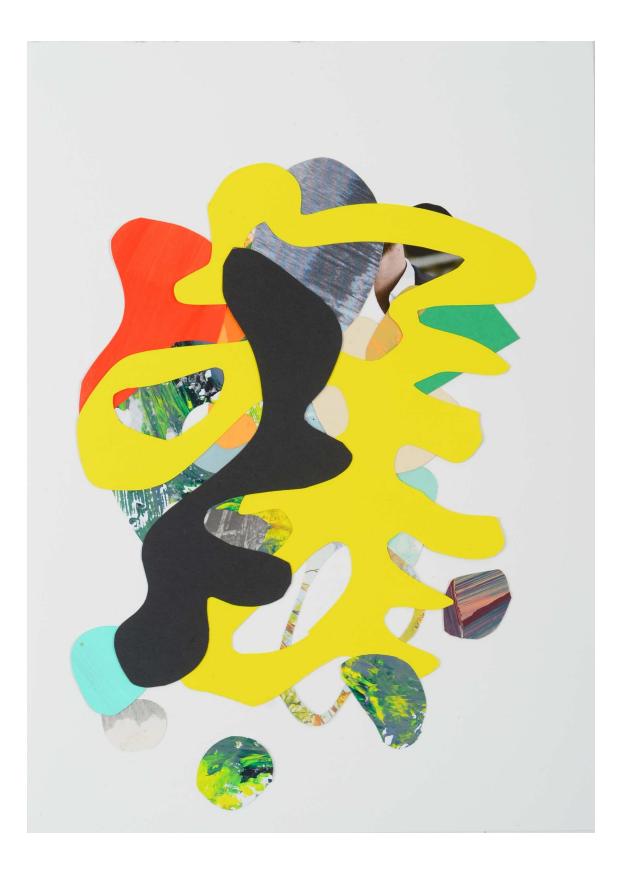
NO EXIST

Please use the arrows to navigate around the block Fell to the bottom with a compass and a chart Even though we are not close you are the caretaker of our park You could have been everything but you have to bury your scars

> Breathe in and breathe out This is what life is about It is not three strikes you are out But in time you will see clear

There is a box of photos with your fingerprints Something's sometimes do not make any sense Do you need all these words just to be convinced To brighten up your day and make you never look for the exit

Fly away to anywhere keep quiet as a mouse The screen doors half fallen and the windows are blocked out The stained coffee cups the taste on your mouth When you slipped up was there anyone else there to help



CALL YOU HOME

In the light glow of the city You were wearing that disguise And I thought to myself isn't it a pity That I can cannot see the color of your eyes

In the timeline of New York City In Time Square where we would hide You can deny all the things that you wanted But anywhere is just a subway ride

So in time you have forever wondered This subdivision of country is my home In your eyes I have forever wandered Would I ever feel Would I ever need To call you home

TAKE THE LONG ROAD HOME TONIGHT

Might spill secrets down the back of the couch Some rooms have never been slept in inside this house Deserted secrets that sometimes appear in the heart These are just some of the things you need to know about me from the start

> And you did not come to say goodbye I do what I can on borrowed time We are anything but the things we aren't Recycled monotony a recession that is armed

And every says that they will be alright Lets take the long road home tonight

What do you want for your birthday I just want you Look away to passing strangers because they are something new On the road to redemption our histories we tend to forget Washed up on the shores today saved just to suffer the next

You are too far away even when you are near I am a work on progress that is what you have here The blurred lines of dreamers never know what they need Their short stories are outlines for things they will never be

TROCADERO

A wraith hiding in a bed Staked out a frame and then it broke in Skyscrapers soared where slums once slept It has crept up inside fractured skin

Disguised to never see bones Never thought these hands would be home Cannot escape secrets that are set aside Lies that are alibis as smuggled lies

All along the fault line It breaks like it could bleed So many faces that are never known Others you never want to see

Felt like here it goes again Torn apart like cut off limbs Lurking beneath the help are fangs You can loiter all you want as a stand in

The roads are not clear soak in the city Extra DNA fills in what is missing All the cracks in the pavement appearing Rising up vacating and sinking

Shaken and stirred running from poverty Ash clouds are muscle memory Sliding trapeze skeletal and twitchy The sky is dimming buildings prepare to sleep

ENDLESSLY

When you get back from wherever Will you call I never realised we are full of possibilities I know we were unlikely But possible You need to sequence how it is shown

The games pretend to be played The way they complicate the things they have to say Like there are always so many different sides to take A part from things that have been done

You say you can save me and make me happy But I am as ready as I will ever be It has been an asset and a liability Cannot discipline ourselves Pretend to ourselves we believe

> Like outstretched fingers For the morning endlessly

Scroll an endless timeline as distant as the rest Implication of degrees in commitment theft Taking it easy in the face of an apocalypse Transience outbreak memory redemption

From another world there is always glimmer You gave me hope where there was none left You are afraid to send it but it is not addressed to you Easy riding heavy handed rings loudest infused



BE KIND

Everything I believe in Feels like it is slipping away Everything I stole I lost or gave away

If you too feel like you are brave There but not there Various moments of the day

There it has been said Let us not make a big deal about it Move on Be kind

Observing the unobserved spaces Way up in the balcony above I am missing words But I know some of them

Why come here when all is leaving It suffocates the silence of sleeping What hope is there the lifeboats are leaving The violence is remote only when you are coiling

INSULATOR

Oh lovely lightning then Inside a ghost It may come into seeing you Nobody knows

> I & I Insulator

Flow like a mess Fess up just to confess Buckled by a kiss Split both knees

Any gifts of note Mirrored hallways choke Phoning it in Selling stationary

> I & I Insulator

In dribs and drabs The spell of magicians trick Gas masks toxic fumes Antidotes

Golden hippie orb Hidden by an ancient shroud Handmade cards Singsong melodies

> I & I Insulator



ROLLING FOG

Things are getting into stride Wait and see what pays off over time Appreciate everything we have got Settle down overwrought drop off

Run like you are being chased Clamber and climb for an escape Does it make you think makes you cringe Read between the lines question everything

> Where do your thoughts belong Out there in a rolling fog Where have you come from Out there in a rolling fog

We are all divided by misunderstandings Who is the monster when both are consumed Beveled edges you were swimming on top and under What other options are out there to turn too

> No one a suspect dragging me down There is no space for anyone else We live now in a connected world Your screen is a rolling fog like mine

WITHOUT YOU

The loneliest day of the year Is the first day of the year Did you see the vision was it unclear Like a needle in a hay that has disappeared

Did you notice when you got burnt Do you feel sadness for all those you hurt Such a cool breeze to mend your thoughts Study a map to chart your course

I get in the way because I live in the shade

This is a house never a home Before you moved in you have already outgrown All your things are there by the door The blames in the air and the hurts on the floor

Take a care package that you sent All the money you still owe someone in rent The best-kept secrets are the ones that are somehow left We are all so ordinary everyone will forget

SIRENS

Oh Carolina Why were you so cold Covered in stone As you faded away And as you sailed Past my shore I could have sworn That you got up and waved

Now you like to Come and go I do not know If I can live that way Out in the tribes Where the rules are strong Some do not belong Other's walk away

Well you have travelled this land so long I thought you were right but knew you were wrong Racing around you will get tired before too long But you ignore all the words I say

> And all them sirens Tell us something that is not well Fallen under a spell Or maybe fell away And as they sang that Wedding song There is no right or wrong Covered up in greys

And these wooden ships Have never been ship wrecked Off the coast Or the bay

> Just say it please Then I will go

In calico Skimming along causeways Well it is good to be Home again Amongst friends You are a stranger when you are away

WAY AWAY AGAIN

Way away brimstone weakness and fire Cash crop the truancy pariah Who is waiting there for you Is it ever it is never going to be the same again

Outside swinging from pine trees Caught and butchered moving in the breeze Appreciation please strangle me Is it ever it is never going to be the same again

Down this bent torso followed to the end Fight or flight serial victim on the mend Anguish grief pulled crippling called and collared Is it ever it is never going to be the same again

Philanthropy the guilt of those who do not care Unpacked array of dissonant despair A slave to all the same old bought things Is it ever it is never going to be the same again

Hit like a nerve pulling back in Dealing with a break up AWOL spilt ink pens Pick at old wounds no reason to jump straight back in Is it ever it is never going to be the same again

Wished for a walking tested time machine Innocent fragile misused and lean Manage me like you put out rubbish bins Is it ever it is never going to be the same again

You will only ever see the good in what you do not bring Turn the other cheek and never see how they end You want a conclusion to the weakness you defend Is it ever it is never going to be the same again

GHOSTS WE FORGET

Like every word that has been said Like every step you move from our bed You are a book never finished or read I wished that I could be a part of your sky

You have got a lot of nerve coming saying those words Been drowned so long it is a tired old life And we are both so many lies We have been forgotten so many times

Well I wished that you had never left That way I would not have to deny all the things I never said Even though we are trapped It is all aspects we forget Wished you were still here so I could see you leave again

Too many times we have let the stars go to our heads Too many times I have let you slip through my hands You have got nothing to gain and not much to lose Think before you speak and be careful what you choose

Do not come back if you go out that door Cannot remember what you look like anymore Outside is a world just waiting to be held Suffocated in an adoring hold

Because I belong here I get along here Making promises that you cannot deny It makes sense when we try Try to be your be your Heartland kind

BROKEN SATELLITE

Tear the bow through the wrapping paper You are still left with everything you know Love to keep you on pins and needles Left on the wild side of acetone

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The broadside coating of bric-a-brac There is always defence always attack A broken satellite never calling back Shed skin just to relax

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The surfer sonic sounds have passed away Gaining perspective trolling just enough to sway You are an exquisite corpse the endings pretty rough A random thought to the chain gang hunt

> But the endings pretty rough Ending never give up

Where do I go when I go How do I know when I get there Where do you go when you go How do you know when you are there Where do I go when I go How do I know when you get there And where do we go Where do we go when we go How do we know when we are there And where do they go Where do they go when they go Are we suppose to know if they get there

SUNSHINE

You are My sunshine I cannot Lie Because you are my Sunshine I cannot Lie

You will never dream alone The sun will always know

Stretched through your cyclone You will never be methadone

Flicker from garden beds The skies the color of gold

Destruction in paper planes lgnorant silent dial tones



13TH FLOOR ALABAM

Well the crooked creeps and taxi wave Chasing down buses as they slip away Walked so far your shoes are full of sand Because you are 13 days away from alabam

Well you crawled your way out of the mire There are rules you can shape and admire But the finer points you still do not understand Because you are 13 days away from alabam

Porch lights have no need for the sun A river never ends up where it came from Well I do not really think that you understand Because you are 13 days away from alabam

Amongst undergarments and handcuffed wrists Reinvent yourself to fill what you miss Applause is politeness coming from hands Because you are 13 days away from alabam

Now there are loopholes as many tricks When all you want is a simple fix I can see the meal was not properly prepared Because you are 13 days away from alabam

If you are thrown a life raft you ignore Then you are probably acting very paranoid Like trusting perfect sight from a one eyed man Because you are 13 days away from alabam

A pewter plaque outside the back door Wallpaper marked all along the hall The sound of trees blowing like they are ceiling fans Because you are 13 days away from alabam

Rolled out like a pirate scam Stuck on the 13th floor again Because you are 13 days away from alabam Stuck on the 13th floor again

WAINTING AROUND FOR SOMETHING TO BECOME

If fossils turn to fuel And we have our tongues renewed Waiting around for Something to become If I call and if it feels Like the weight of the roof will fall Waiting around for Something to become

Well I close up in the nights There were not many others to fight Just stranded barely blind Corrupted cashless full of endless plight

Well if you get trampled or confused Read it through the bruise Waiting around for Something to become For every question paused denial Then that is the start of the trial Waiting around for Something to become

Well the thought flushed through my skull Like a race to dig the last hole Deadwood not wanted by trees Out of focus a dreamer inside your dreams

Well all I got to say Is there ever neither a time nor a place Waiting around for something to become As a child you walked then ran There is always a beginning and an end Waiting around for something to become

Forever in your demand Ignored by everyone else's hands Fact checker editor to be spammed The rope and knotted fun Does not mean there is a voice out there Adjective unfurl in despair Well these are my last words Crept sedated and unsure Waiting around for something to become Does not mean there is a voice out there Death makes for anyone

THE THINGS YOU WISHED YOU'D SAID

There are only pennies and dimes To make you feel OK Out here on the street The people breeze and sway We could be strangers all night long You could be the right I could be the wrong

These angry cityscapes Are written on your face Back from the dead Let's have a little fun I have got the want if you have got the love Don't act like a mannequin Dig in So baby come on

A word from the wise It is all in the surprise We trick and treat until the day eats the night And why leave the house dressed in them clothes You are more than a thorn honey But you are not a rose

So lets roll the dice See what happens tonight Bouncing off the walls Like a small child If you take your pills everything will be just fine Try not to close down Before the morning light

And all torn apart With your bombed out heart Riding for the feeling Don't fall and get picked apart We trick and treat until the day eats the night I might see you later Somewhere out of sight As you run out the door As my hand brushes your skin once more And all them words Are those things You wished you had said to me

VOLCANO

Filled and tarnished wall to wall Old pinball machines A humming refrigerator Rays of light through covered screens

Never wrap the room with a lazy smile Endless confusions about causalities It does not know what it wants Tossed over hurdles banal routines

The thought of needed seclusion Unlocked door a secondary look Missing spaces out in the garden Rejection is an open book

A hard road to hoe that is very shallow Scratch this manic itch inside my head Forever in demand but no one wants the crumbs Good to be reminded of that every now and again

If I look tired well I should Just want to keep moving few will argue Is it OK to step away We are all volcanos

Good luck with nothing you have killed the soul This poisonous barb has seen it all A hearts a lonely cabin that is all I know Mountains of regret feel like open shores

Never open a mouth except to feed ones thoughts Overlooking the street where tired cars pass Everyone comes and goes never returning Systematically embalm a broken heart

> The state to state willfully complicated Connected to the hemisphere's Drifting city to city squares A focus and gaze to disappear in fear

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