

# The Day the Earth Caught Fire

Lion's Share

the day the earth caught fire we stood  
outside the world was laughing and  
in the city square they cast umbrellas  
to the sky the sun above my head  
was burning greedy red the horns began  
to blow "three cheers for jericho"

the first evacuee i was headed  
for the sea ,i saw them the roadside refugees  
the boys with bloody knees who waved  
abandoned cars that lay too tired  
to drive away "a world in flames today"  
was all the papers had to say

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the streetcar prophet said "you thought  
that god was dead-i warned you" the sinners  
and the saved they fell down to their knees  
and prayed believers held their breath  
and stoned a witch to death the leaders  
and the led said "blow the bloody reds away!"

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