Burnie

Midnight Oil

Brought up in a world of changes Part time cleaner in a holiday flat Stare out to sea at the ships at night No anaesthesia, I'm gonna work on it day to day No zephyr no light relief it seems

But maybe it's a dream I'm lying back in a row of timber cases placed out On the dock with nightmare faces looking at me And I can see now, and I wanna be free now

This is my home This is my sea Don't paint it with the future, of factories I want to stay, I feel okay There's nothing else as perfect I'll have my way

Brought up in a world of changes Waste product, pedestrian, limb from limb Short changed by the surfing priest again Two children in the harbour They play their game stormwater drain Write their contract in the sand, it'll be gray for life

But you can draw the blind But you can't stop the sun From shining on and on and getting you there Tide forever beckons you to leave But something holds you back It's not the promise of the swell or a girl Just a hope that someday someway it'll be okay So you stop and say

This is my home This is my sea Don't paint it with the future of factories This is my life this is my right I'll make it what I want to I'll stay and I'll fight