

# Pigeonometry

Aesop Rock

I like drawing pigeons,  
People tend to feed 'em or forbid 'em  
Either way it's rare to see 'em individually considered  
There's always like a million eating cigarettes and ketchup  
I take a lot pictures, I been cropping out the extras  
I been studying the independent measurements and metrics  
The postures and the body types, the patterns on the feathers  
Like some ritualistic tattoo dating back to their ancestors  
While the bib and neck come dipped in precious amethyst and emeralds  
It's a pity about the stigmas  
How the cooties overshadow any beauty that enrich us  
A white dove symbolizes peace and pacifism  
A white dove is a pigeon, you motherfuckers is bigots  
Yo, 3 toes forward, one toe ain't  
1 AM sketching muscles on a plump little frame  
Plus I love your pretty orange eyes and dumb little brain  
I'll add a nimbus to atone for how we sullied the name

Phone, wallet, coffee, keys, lighter  
I'm headed for the beyond, I'm a need a cease fire

Lighter, keys, coffee, wallet, phone  
The whole street is lava, the beyond is not a go

I seen this one Da Vinci exhibit  
In which they reconstructed dozens of machines he invented  
From diagrams in his codex, open and beautifully scanned  
Marvels of engineering, broke up by Vitruvian Man  
Margin exploding with the future like it grew from his hand  
Plus every annotation backwards, homie, who is this man?  
I bet his brain projected images of orbiting equations  
That would later become warships, or attempts at aviation  
Or some irrigation system steering water different places  
He could picture and commit to paper from a grip of angles  
Honestly it's pretty overwhelming  
Contraption after contraption that had us "holy hell"-ing  
Later in the afterglow, grab a tablet, have a go  
I might invent some vehicle, or diving suit, or catapult  
Fast forward to the morning  
I had caught a thousand tags and drew a half a pigeon poorly, oh well

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I told my homie I had drew some pigeons  
And was feeling like it could be the root of future submissions  
It'd be cool to draw a thousand and layout a book of sketches  
He said, "How many you got?" I said, "Like 6 or 7"..  
'What?!' He said, "A thousand is a lot"  
I said, "That's why it's gotta be an actual thousand on the dot  
I hit 'em with that thousand to make up for what they not  
Once you mix that many bodies it becomes about the flock."  
He told me, "If you do it, it's a cruise to manufacture"  
I took it as a challenge, but regretted it soon after

See the point was always celebrate the individual vessel  
That I pitched a package deal at all is pretty disrespectful  
Plus a thousand is a lot  
Sometimes I get excited before really sizing up the job  
I think I drew like one more on a red-eye into Queens  
I ain't even make a dozen, I been eyeing other things