Anthem

Assemblage 23

We are born of stone And etched by wind Cast aside to live or die We are the pawns in our own game

Like refugees Of silent wars We step on ever-shifting ground Promoting what we undermine

For countless days We walked alone Directionless and vunerable Sitting targets wearing smiles

No one of us will go unscathed By private battles we have braved A vicious circle we have built Constructed from our shame and guilt

The flags we wave Are set afire To warm the bones of infant dreams Even as our present is set ablaze

The tinderbox We sit upon Decays in churning mists of fog And crumbles down into the sea

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We lie embraced In the arms of dawn The fading echoes of pointless time Statuettes of ignorance

And even as The clock hand sweeps We pay no mind to where we are Surely we're not allowed to die

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