

U-Boats

Billy Woods

Called himself Ishmael when he flipped the fishscale
Slit wide open, pulled out the entrails
Stumbled out dark stairwell, light two ounces
Blood fillin' his J's outside the River Houses

Twisting into self, my hair coil double helix
Through the looking glass
Separating body from the spirit
Light the L, split the veil
Fom the peak of Machu Picchu, to the belly of a whale
Sip the grail, depth charge

Burst above us
Ears covered, dive till hull shudders
No rudder
Ambergris, whale blubber
The sea is a beast, landlubbers scream for wives, mothers
Bleached bones thrown on rocky beach, beset by buzzards

Study science of the self
Born before the Three Kings
Caught welts, Orion's belt, still saggin'
Lighting gas in trap house of flying daggers
Feet up on glass tables
Feeling fatalistic

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Kaleidoscopic, black agnostic
Bought my burial plot on Craigslist, rock bottom discount
Extinction agenda, supreme rallies in Baisley
Black hoodie, black Timbs, Oh the gods must be crazy!
Peonies and daisies, cocaine '80s
Cop killer queens, she raised me, from the dregs
Dead lectures on a ship named Jesus
Sinking faster, it's all a trap
Atlantic floor to haunted tabernacles

Off the coast of Formosa
Sent 'em to the ocean floor
No mea culpa, sent boys to war
Deep water, she seem gorgeous
Map and compass, gat and cutlass
Boat black as dungeon, smoke crack pungent
Leviathan looms, a hundred harpoons plunging
The loom winds its way to days of judgement
Your doom finds you lying awake and lunges

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