

Wharves

Billy Woods

Waves on wharves, war washed the poor
Never broke again, what he said on the farm
Next day they was gone
Back by nightfall, they swung in the maw
Hung by daylight, the day was long
Sweep water out with the dipper
Salt in the mouth of a river
Mangrove thickets, man's soul was broken mirrors
False witness, wolf tickets
Nowadays scavengers come before the wolf's finished
Teeth bare, bristlin', they not scared, somethin' different
The huts was empty, coal still warm in the kitchen

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Drums in the hills like sunset
The gun turret swing right to left
African Queen on the ships deck
Shipwrecked Europeans swimmin' with the virus
Shot out like God's semen
"Fuck the world" Pac's screamin'
Crack missions for the heathens
Boats listing from the stealings
Smoke drifting from holes in the ceilings
The swollen chiefs sit, bickering while the meat crisp
The chiefs eat children, the grease drip, the meat rich
Down here it's just a muddy creek, bend and twist, the braai hiss
The fat run in rivulets, the fire spit

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[?] government, provided that all foreign troops were withdrawn from
the country
Ja, ja, eine deutsche Kolonie. Ja? Ja, eine deutsche Kolonie. Ja. Ja,
damals Kaiser Wilhelm der Zwo-
Where have they killed him?
Wir stehen nunmehr vor den Überresten eines Hauses in dem, äh, früher
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