

The Same Fire

Bishop Allen

in rivulets the paper set
the water rushed and tumbled
all around our feet
it was an inch deep in the street

it started in a factory
a block of flame
a knot of smoke all gnarled and black
and the heat that pushed us back

and this
this is the same fire
and this
this is the same fire

and i was there when the rain came
when the wind and wet and ashes
made me speckled black
and so i ran the five blocks back

and when you came to the door
and you let me in
it's like i saw you for the very first time again

you were beautiful
goddamn you were beautiful

and this
this is the same fire
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this is the same fire

that you light in me
that you light in me
that you light in me
that you light in me

the white house 1814
moscow 1812
san francisco after the earthquake
i loved you then as well
the library of alexandria
and all of rome at least twice
and i know this is the biggest blaze
i've ever seen in my entire life

a million firefighters
and 99 alarms
an ocean full of water
i will burn through it all unharmed
i will burn through it all unharmed
i will burn through it all unharmed
for you
you're so beautiful
goddamn you're so beautiful

this, this is the same fire
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this, this is the same fire (that you light in me)
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