

# A Silence Song

Current 93

So much silence  
Stretching above me  
Around me too  
Has it deafened me?  
Has it closed my ears?  
Has the silence itself  
Brought about this rapture?  
Between silence and sound  
Between the cry and the cull  
If man raises one voice  
I'll raise two then  
One for loss  
One for losing  
One for death  
And one for birth

I may hang bloodytorn  
On this tree of moss  
Though my grimace  
Cuts my grin  
I'll rise triumphant  
I'll rise triumphing  
You won't catch me  
I fly unseen  
Through the wind of the worlds  
Missiles cut space  
Spearing the starlight  
Masking the moon  
Wide of the march

Give me two reasons to stay here  
Lostlight lostlove  
Smudge the tracks  
And smother the traces  
Of the fires of your fear

Near the  
Under the  
Beside the  
Beyond the flowers  
Then further still  
The children lie  
In silent space  
The wind shivers through  
Their cornburnt hair

Silence immaculate  
If they move  
From silence to sound  
Will the world shudder  
Will my heart stop  
In a cave  
In her maze  
The spring slides  
Through my sadness  
And my winter

(The stars have now frozen into space)  
(The stars have molten into space)

The children wait  
Flowers around  
Burnish their hair  
With brazen gold  
And heartred rose  
If I move  
Then I shall stop  
(How have the sightless fallen)  
I'll take a knife to your heart  
I'll take a knife to your...  
I'll take a knife to your...  
(And London Bridge no longer remains;  
Christ's face refracted through  
The sky then cuts up into  
Different shapes...)