

## Mouth Of Flames

Great Lake Swimmers

The house drew a mouth of flames  
That could not wait to hold it and burn  
And I was inside, I saw it turn

Bright cats clawing up the darkening walls  
Ruthless and hunting all of their flaws  
I was inside, I saw it all

I took what I could from the deafening blaze  
But I could only take so much  
One thing goes while another thing stays  
Some too heavy, but none that you can reach

The things that I lost I will always remember  
The things that I lost I will never forget  
The things that I lost left behind no remainder  
The things that I lost, and the things I'll lose yet

The open white beam of youth is gone  
The letters, the songs, and the stories are gone  
The misguided fears, and the illusions are gone  
And what I was saying  
Has lost its breath, and the air is gone

The things that I took I hold close to my body  
The things that I took I hold close to my chest  
The things that I took cannot leave any longer  
The things that I took are the things I love best

The silent focus of a deep driving prayer  
The rational roads with uneven scars  
The sweet silent joy of a deep woods commune  
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