

Wild Strawberries

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wholly and totally brave I swam
under dying filipino light
fighting and furious against the tide
'cause I lost our keys in the sea
diving deep under coral reef
following treeline on the shore
I stumbled back to the road
left you on the hood of a rented ford
I looked back, it was the last time
I saw you alive
still light follows
the same rules that I do
reflecting off the water
never making it down to the bottom