

Invisible Chalk

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Incurable sun
Impossible morning
Boardwalk seagulls
Diving to their death
Invisible chalk
Preserving your memory

What would it take
To get you to see me?
Learned a million ways
To put up with less
Well I know that silver tide
Changes under a magnet
But could that ocean floor
Still be right where we left it?

Beauty deranged
Like a green snake crossing
Or how oil spilled in water
Makes color appear
Or the fear that I feel
When you're singing right to me

Undressing, we laugh
At our pale naked bodies
And the closer you get to me
All the farther you feel
Gotta lay that secret bare
Or you'll watch it turn tragic
Maybe underneath that veil
Is truth as we found it

Thirty plastic swans
Circling the lake
The cruelty that you are
And the fool that I make
Blind loyalty betrays you
Like yellow hills are gonna burn
You and I might never learn

You can scale the Great Wall
But you can't turn to face me
I see those patterns printed all
Over myself too
But I keep pushing that boulder
Uphill 'til something moves
And I thought we were getting older
But you're right where I left you