

## Palms Read

### Protest the Hero

As often as always evolution is crawling from the sea,  
Alive with urgency like suicide, like suicide,  
Convinced the grass is greener on dry earth;

The march of serrated utterance like a soft cough  
Muffled murmur sneaking through the lecture hall.  
The crawl across the island, the sound of waves;  
Embodied water sprouting legs as loud as gallop,...

All the young people who took a leap without faith into a river  
bed  
That drowns about as much as it saves.

...Cuffing down on ground against the cries of gravity.

Belly-up, half buried in the sand.  
Extend a hand to the smallness of death.  
Understand that only dying is this colossal  
Creation shedding skin to find a perfect equilibrium like fossils.

All the young people who took a leap of no faith...  
All the young cowards acting out...  
All the young cowards acting out for the brave forever hurled  
Into the waters of their indifferent graves.

For a million years raise your glass  
We will never answer where we came from...  
For a million years raise your glass in cheers  
We will never answer where we came from only how we got...  
For a million years raise your glass  
We will never answer where we came from...  
For a million years raise your glass  
...only how we got here.

(Two minutes, and then the lads are in for a surprise)