

Anchorage

The Church

Scales of an angel
Wings of a snake
Living here in the future
With the racket that you make

Memory of a scream
Heart of the flame
Talking in a lark's tongue
And more of the same

Green ice is on the melt
Just the way the dead have felt
Nothing like the way my name is spelt
But I belt it out anyway

Darkness returning
My torch keeps on burning for you
In the life you keep on spurning
Everything is hurting me

Mouth of a river
The fingers of a flute
The trees get used for rifles
Growing lovely shoots

Around the captain's table
The silent diners slept
In the white of morning
The distance slowly crept

And the ice in my glass
And the hit of the past
And the great icy blast
I pass it on to you

Darkness returning
My torch keeps on burning for you
In the life you keep on spurning
Everything is hurting me
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Words of a mute
The passion of a rock
Waking early on an Easter Sunday
Just before the cock

The motion of a statue
The honour of a rat
The street was almost empty
But then you saw through that

And the ice in the box
Falling off the shelf in blocks
Down at the docks
Well I was shocked not to be discovered

Darkness returning

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Strength of a lamb
The shape of a cloud
The eyes of the star
Cruelty of a crowd

This afternoon is crushing down
The bars are all closed today lady
Middle of town is a long way down
I'd hate to see you break your crown

And the ice in my drink
My drink in your lap
Just a process in a trap
I'll slap it out of you
Slap it out of you

Music of the snow
Tempts the flake
Nature, you don't know
A nice delicious ache

The conscience of a fox
Love about the size of a shoe box
The school of hard knocks
They box it out of me

The ice in my throat
A message in the note
Just like a sinking boat
You coat yourself with sympathy

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