Austerity

The Ocean Collective

Pouring whiskey in dried-out bodies Coarsely hewn by wood and love Deep inside them smolders slowly Thick as yeast, green bitterness Helpless, their eyes are blind And all their thoughts are simple Their ears are deaf And all their songs are trivial Their loves have gone sour And all their looks are vacant Their food is foul The art they make lacks the challenge All their minds are empty All their thoughts are simple All their songs and books are trivial All their ears are deaf Birds who once flew with passion Now they're easily caught with bare hands Locked in cages, learning their lessons Bullets for the already-dead Tasteless, our tongues are dumb And all our speeches are hollow Our minds are numb And all our books are hollow Our lobes are sour And all our looks are vacant Our food is foul The art we make lacks the challenge All our minds are empty All our thoughts are simple All our songs and books are trivial All our looks are vacant Birds who once flew with passion Can easily be caught with bare hands Locked in cages, learning their lessons Bullets for the already-dead Can you still see The stars The Sky Then layers of grey? They're fading away... Can you still see the stars? It's hard to think of the ocean With the sweet stench of piss in your hair Morning air still invades every wallpaper cell Year after year after year All these years those walls were empty Curtains yellowed, now white of mold Lardy plaster, the paint is peeling From the ashtray: swathes of blue smoke Corrosive waters Black rain falls the seventh time Unyielding minds of coal Jaws open wide They changed the beds Yearly white sheets weeping like shrouds This is the chamber where their God spent his final hour Can you still the stars through layers of grey
Or have the city lights taken their place?
The stars are fading away
Away
Away
Eyes leap at the bait
We march in circles under Jupiter's sway
Eyes fall prey to the cheat
One more surrender and we'll suffer defeat