

# How the Leopard Got Its Spots

## Portugal. The Man

Palms are fitted black and finely tuned  
To triggers that cause bodies that tremble

But this mud looks shallow from the beach  
When we hide behind such ugly faces  
And the dark eyed woman lifts her head  
"Why do we hide behind such ugly faces?"

Child bearing games from the streets down to the shores  
They're playing as waterways open in an obscene gaping gasp.

"Rally all your men there is work to be done"  
Still we don't have the time for speaking out of place  
Because he won't come down  
He won't come down  
He won't come down

When lengths of snakes match each silent syllable  
"With eyes like these"  
Face glistening with suspense of a scalpel blade,  
Clockwork calculating surgical precision.

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To stomachs that swallowed whole that bayou.

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