

# An Insular Life

## Shearwater

A calm then, the roaring wall of the eye  
As we sailed to the world from an insular life  
From the boughs that had sheltered us all of our lives  
From the sun's red blooming With a shadow on every life  
And we laid in the dark through the thundering nights  
And awoke to an ocean shimmering white  
Where the hull scrapes on the silent ice  
And the gulls on the frozen ropes Oh, the lights on the floor let the audience rise  
Let them file through the halls still assured in their lives  
Until the sky shudders open impossibly wide  
And the room glows in the sudden light  
They are gone, they are gone for life

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