

Tryst With Mephistopheles

Owen Pallett

I stumbled on the summit's path.
Clumsy, clumsy.
No paragon am I.
I can't even keep my shoes tied.I've been in love with Owen ever since
I heard the strains of Psalm 21.
Standing between the choirs,
As they sang, "Laudate Dominum, Laudate Dominum".Damn, I wrote it down, but I left it in the pocket of my
other jeans.
Scrawled across the foolscap: "I don't know what your devotion means,
I don't know what your devotion means."And up, upon the summit I can see
The one I worshiped as a boy.
The Creator, The Great White Noise.
The Great White Noise.Charged and charging up the ridge.
The chests are empty, the coffers too.
They float in the flood, and so will you, I swear, so will you."Your light is spent! Your light is spent!" I cried,
As I drove the iron spike into Owen's eyes.
The sun sped cross the plains like that cinematic moment where
Humanity and nature collide.
When you think, "Everything's gonna be all right,"
Just before the hero gets a bullet in his side.Whizzing off the cliff top,
Listening for the spatter, thirty floors below.
Down come the vultures.
I will not be your fuel anymore.Now the author has been silenced, how will they ever decipher me?
I hope they hear these words and are convinced
You never even knew me.I draw a bruise on your brawny shoulder,
Scratch my fingers over your tattoos.
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