The Exchange

Torres

My mother lost her mother twice
Once in '54, then later in life
The exchange was quick and quiet
The records sealed, the names made private
Her search began and ended with a judge

Her papers had been claimed in a freak basement flood

An entire family tree

An eternal privacyUnderwater

Underwater

I am afraid to see my heroes age

I am afraid of disintegration

If you're not here, I cannot be here for you

If you're not here, I cannot be alone

Mother, father

I'm underwater

And I don't think you can pull me out of this There's virgin oil painted over my door

And hotel soap from every city

Lined up in my window

Blew my per diem on an eighth of Blue Dream

So I can breathe but I still can't breathe

Around my mouth, brown paper bag

Founding fathers on my backI'm no martyr

I'm no martyr

I'm just

Afraid to see my heroes age

I am afraid of disintegration

If you're not here, I cannot be here for you

If you're not here, I cannot be alone

Mother, father

I'm underwater

Underwater

UnderwaterI've so much that I want to sing

But there's no room for toothbrushes and poetry, I

Pray to Jesus Christ incessantly, I

Shine my shoes for the Fat Lady, I'm still

UnderwaterI'm underwater

Underwater

Underwater

I am afraid to see my heroes age

I am afraid of disintegration If you're not here, I cannot be here for you If you're not here, I cannot be alone

Mother, father

I'm underwater

And I don't think you can pull me out of thisI will no longer claim to know

Where we go when it's time to go

But when you go, will I go too?

When you go, I am going tooI'm underwater

I'm underwater

Mother, father

I'm underwater

I'm underwater

I'm underwater

Mother, father

I'm underwater

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