New South Wales

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Here we sit

Across the table from each other

A thousand miles from both our mothers,

Barely old enough to rustHere we sit

Pretending both our hearts are anchors

Taking candy from these strangers

Amidst the diesel and the dustAnd here we sit

Singing words nobody taught us

Drinking fire, and spitting sawdust,

Trying to teach ourselves to breatheWe haven't yet,

But every chorus brings us closer

Every flyer and every poster

Gives a piece of what we needAnd the sand that they call cocaine cost you twice as much as gold

You'd be better off to drink your coffee black

But I swear, the land it listened to the stories that we told

God bless the busted boat that brings us backMorning's rough

It don't give a damn about the mission

Has no aesthetic or tradition.

Only lessons never learnedAnd I'd had enough

About a month ago tomorrow

Parting holds no trace of sorrow

For the bitter and the burnedAnd the piss they call tequila even Waylon wouldn't drink

Well I'd rather sip this Listerine I packed

But I swear, we've never seen a better place to sit and think

God bless the busted ship that brings us backAnd the sand that they call cocaine cost you twice as much as gold

You'd be better off to drink your coffee black

But I swear, the land it listened to the stories that we told

God bless the busted boat that brings us back

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