## Merge, a Vessel, a Harbour

## **Great Lake Swimmers**

Merge, a vessel, a harbour
A perfect union
Of gift and reception
Each an eye
On the same face

Loss and gain

Fly into the mouth of the ground

Six feet under

Thanks to some failure

Fly into the mouth of the ground

Six feet under

One for the night
One for the dark
Taste each other
For a moment, then goodbye
Hold her eyes
Share the same air
Oh lay it down
Oh lay it bare

I'm speechless
Naked as a fiery sunset
You turn, not fleeting
Destroyed not complete
A perfect cacophony
Rising like vapour
Solid and liquid
Awkward and trapping
Stolen but paid for

Legs and knees and ankles and toes When it burns an old enemy flows Legs and knees and ankles and toes When it burns an old enemy flows

> Gathered and strewn From this altitude To some other moon

Wearing false armour And useless shields Failed to exist

Crying out and into the streets
They are always prepared for the cries
Prepared for the worst
Crying out loud at the untold
They are transfixed but not transformed

Stop accommodating echoes Into these hard-pressed streets Into these well-travelled streets Into these hard-pressed streets

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