

Palms Read

Protest the Hero

As often as always
Evolution comes crawling from the sea
Alive with the urgency like suicide, like suicide
Convinced the grass is greener on dry earth
The march of serrated utterance like a soft cough
Muffled murmur sneaking through the lecture hall
They crawl across the island
Sound of waves
Embodied water
Sprouting legs, loud as gallop
All the young people
Who took a leap with no faith into a riverbed
That drowns about as much as it saves
Slowing down on the ground
Against the cries of gravity
Crawling on, half buried in the sand
Extend a hand to the smallness of death
Understand that only dying is this colossal
Creation, shedding skin
To find the perfect equilibrium like fossils
All the young people
Who took a leap of no faith
All the young cowards acting out
All the young cowards acting out
For the braves forever hurled
Into the waters of their indifferent graves
For a million years raise your glass
We will never answer where we came from
For a million years raise your glass in a cheer
We'll never answer where we came from
Only how we got
For a million years raise your glass
We will never answer where we came from
For a million years raise your glass
Only how we got here

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