

# Meridian

## Shearwater

In the burning daze  
Of unnatural light  
I took a long drive  
Into the eveningOn the barracks road  
Past the generals' eyes  
Down to the seawall  
Where the waves stand byThe enormous lull  
Then a roar in the sky  
And then the searchlights  
Over the airfieldAnd over the ocean winging low  
I saw the first wave  
And the flares that fall  
Like fireflies on the islandsIn the boom and swell  
From the waves to the heights  
Reverberations  
Of our old livesLike a golden bell  
That would ring through the night  
And then the front moves  
And we raise our eyes  
In the silence of the islands

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