

# Meridian

## Shearwater

In the burning daze  
Of unnatural light  
I took a long drive  
Into the evening On the barracks road  
Past the generals' eyes  
Down to the seawall  
Where the waves stand by The enormous lull  
Then a roar in the sky  
And then the searchlights  
Over the airfield And over the ocean winging low  
I saw the first wave  
And the flares that fall  
Like fireflies on the islands In the boom and swell  
From the waves to the heights  
Reverberations  
Of our old lives Like 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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