

Paint Out the Light

Jawbox

you paint walls and
buildings so tall -
sunlight never reaches the earth.
a birth, as the paint covers cracks
and stains, and nothing remains.
but a new face so pale and white -
sunlight makes it shrink,
and think that maybe the womb
sings a better tune,
the mind-bending heat of blistering streets
and air so polluted,
that every breath is a curse.
you paint walls and buildings so tall
that sunlight never reaches earth.
but the sound of crying still
will reach your ears.

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