Comes Indiana Through the Smoke

Okkervil River

So does the ink dry out
So does the singing mouth get sung up
So does the new headline no longer reach the town
So does the rosy fire of the horizon fade into dull grey
While the trees out by the parking lot get greener with the rainOn a dazzling field of blue
She comes sailing into view
All around her engines scream and guns unloadComes Indiana through the smoke
Indiana through the smokeBut you were bigger than life
You were giant, you were earth-size
And now you're mostly just your mind
And your dim eyes, and your fractured spine
And you're sailing to the great unknown
But you've gotta go alone there
You can't even take your childhood bride
But it's okay that she's cryingWith her OS2U fleet
Anti-aircraft battery
She is occupied by 1800 soulsComes Indiana through the smoke
Indiana through the smokeAnd this great big buzzing death-hole swells
At the corner of the carpet
Nurses going in and out
Well they all just step around it
And the room is moving in so close
As some moment's coming nearer
And your story's coming out so slow
But I come closer and can hear herAnd she steams out Casco Bay
Part of Task Force 58
And the young men 'board her all are brave and boldComes Indiana through the smoke
Indiana through the smokeShe won't sink or run aground
She won't turn back, she won't back down
When you find your time to finally let goComes Indiana through the smoke
Indiana through the smoke

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