

# Cavalettes

## The Mars Volta

A salty ring of night fatigue  
When I get the sweats  
From your listening  
Primordial cymatics  
Giving birth into reverse  
Serrated mare ephemera  
Undo her mother's curse

So if you  
Break me a mirror  
Hang the broken pieces  
Of a place that isn't here  
Don't hide that guilty smile  
Condolences  
Won't go away

The coins you bring  
Left footprints  
Blind thirst  
And Braille liquor  
My bed is stained  
With fractures  
Year after vitiated year  
Four corners you are touching  
They will liberate  
My need  
Bite marks  
In the menagerie  
With infidelic teeth

Is there something out there  
Waiting to take hold

When that whore won't answer  
Who is in control?

And the names you planted  
Drop the seed into a hole

If you force me often

I might jump off the board

I am a deaf con of angora goats  
Warning you all who pass this mote  
It's only a matter of folding in time and space  
Before I become your epidemic  
Is this the first time at my conventicle  
You better not talk  
If you came here for semantics  
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Don't ignore my presence  
Hidden reads the scrolls  
By the time I asked her  
The earth fell off the tongue

What once was laughter  
Corrosive I became  
Where a scarlet bruise grows  
Sprout the fault we own

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Don't hide your guilty freight  
Condolences won't go away  
You've got that guilty smile  
That culminates in bedlam

Is the safety that you feel  
From the witness  
Who was kept quiet  
In the wings

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