

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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