## **Firewall**

## The Nebulas

I do my best to sleep through the caterwaul The classicists, the posturing avant-guard I bought a green macaw, named him Jules Verne He'll probably outlive me, he's a bright bird Keeps me company, I teach him new words I saw a hologram at the theme park She looked as real as me through the white fog Then she melted down to her ankles Turned into a million watt candle If I knew where she went, I would follow Walking through the land of tomorrow Martian trinkets, plastic Apollos In the sunshine, try to act normal My veins are full of flat Cherry-Cola Slept on the bench, by the roller coaster Dreamt I was riding on a motorbike Lion of Judah painted on the side I'm doing fine, I'm back in the palisades Life's a wash, a pastoral school play China shops and cold ivory towers I and I make toast to the Caesars Forcing down the dregs of Decembers Madeline, she spins in a slow bang All through the house, the strong smell of burnt sage Let's make it clean and run out the spirits I know a diving bell when I hear it We're going down, now, under the surface Light to dark, can shift in an instant Feeling close but keeping my distance On all fours, she's just so insistent Fills my mouth with jump ropes and slit wrists Bust through the firewall into heaven And then I'm standing in that blinding light Crooked crosses falling from the sky Seen, yeah, seen by, I and I Seen, yeah, seen by, I and I

Seen, yeah, seen by, I and I Seen, yeah, seen, yeah Seen, yeah, seen, yeah Seen, yeah, seen by, I, I

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