

**Cockburn Bruce****"Lily Of The Midnight Sky 442"**

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over the slow slide of continents  
over the salt pans pipelines masts and pavilions  
shimmering crescent moon recedes into working dawn

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lone crow against pallid sky  
single plume of white smoke on yellow speckled plain  
yellowing leaves sparkle in cold breeze --  
wave patterns among wave patterns  
particles disperse and rejoin  
dissolve and reform like the lining of a womb  
still  
the cold of your absence blows from  
the silent tv the parking lot  
the balcony with clothes waving good-bye/hello

in the rising day  
you keep fading away  
don't i know that you're always around  
i can reach you if i try  
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solders of sunrise -- shooting into a forest of flowers  
slow motion  
petals float into pink crimson white  
grow wings  
flutter into mountainous distance  
flutter like a stadium full of applauding hands  
i raise a fist to the marauding sun that has hidden you  
away  
i'm the rag in a bottle of gasoline  
longing to ignite  
ich will alles  
all of you -- shining on the panther skin of night  
mirrored in a black lake in a night that glistens like  
blood on gold

nobody else could be you  
if only i could see you  
i should be able to touch you somehow  
i can reach you if i try  
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while you look from on high  
spare a smile as i  
put on my dog mask and howl for you  
i can reach you if i try  
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