

Flobots

"Airplane Mode"

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Cowboys in a spaceship, the crowd noise is wasted
Women take pics so they can seem naked
Guys tell jokes so they can see 'em naked
Church ladies vote what they perceive sacred

Proposition hatred, phosphorous in riverbeds
Billion dollars spilled to fill esophagus with cigarettes
Philosophers plot to maul nations out of shock and awe
Generation of ideas, children who won't talk at all

Profits fall
Chalk on walls
Years spent on prison cells
Next to die, living hell
His twelve peers didn't exercise their privilege well

Babies raised through the glass
Bullets at the border, war games take a stab
Coordinate who can pass like a paper bag
Minutes on an internet porn page, fornicate make her gag

What's the damage for the neighbor tagged by the amateur?
Water blast erase the trace of the canisters
Water path took the stairways left the banister
Washed over premises, turned up percentages
Lost under sludge, lots of revised sentences
Defense budgets padded by sandbags and sandwiches

Wasted

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Cope the best that we can manage
Want solutions, need new standards
Cry our beauty from the ashes

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To do list, throw away mail, go buy envelopes
Who's this 'Coulda-been-Rhodes-Scholar-centerfold?
Every day's a resource, to be sure it's integral
The rebirth from t-shirts to minerals

The ward's filthy, search for another light in town
Nobody else home, can't carry their same load
But I feel guilty like the flight went down
And my cellphone wasn't on airplane mode

Soy-based newsprint, black market food stamps
Poison in the Pete moss, suffocated beat box
B-boys in detox, corrugated cardboard
Lockheed lobbyists' floor debating 'Star Wars'

Yeast and fungi, spring-tails ants and nematodes
Sawdust yellow-cake, organics decompose
Bokashi, EM-inoculated, wheat bran
Toxic compounds broken down under coffee ground

Ancient carcasses in the sphagnum lost and found
Empty cartridges from a magnum tossed into
Agricultural lime rock-flour and seaweed meal
Bio-remediate man-made molecules

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Ashes to eggshells, wood-chips to whiskers
Anything we can mess up, we can fix up
Sword to plowshare, soiled from beneath the trash
Detroit Red into El-Hajj Malik Shabazz

Oil drum to steel pan, prisoner to Gramsci
Rose from the concrete
Reverse the flows of the Ponzi schemes
Crip-walk to a conscious beat, hip-hop is a compost
heap

Gangsters to gardeners, rivals into partners
Fanatics to reformers, felons into farmers

Inmates to fathers of inner city scholars
Pop-tart to salad, teens into college

Lawns into restaurants, centerfold models to artists
Police abuse to catharsis
Street sergeants into peace departments
Thousand dollar bill to green for all markets

Back-lots to blacktops and cash crops for have nots
Metal into scrap shops, jobs for the cast-offs
Cracks-pots into earth-ships for urban astronauts
Reservation into reservoir of wisdom

We used to know, use the whole
Animal landfill to future home
Pacifist guerrillas to bazooka zones
Black hawks to attics, C-130's to super-domev
Newborns on computer phones
So the smile's not

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