Genesis "The Day The Light Went Out"

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When they went to bed that night no-one would have believed That in the morning light would not be there The dark hung heavy on the air like the grip of a jealous man No place was there known to have been spared Then panic took control of minds as fear hit everyone The day the light went out of the daytime sky Artificial light could hardly penetrate the gloom Nothing out of reach could be observed Looting, pillage, murder, rape became the rule of that day Who hit him no one knew or whom he hit Cars were caught in pileups and the planes could never land The day the light went out of the daytime sky Now I can rest here after my journey Now I can feed here before I continue Some there were whos heads were clear who sought, tried to find The nature of this deadly foe, the dark It seemed the sun was still somewhere though hidden from their sight By something, though amorphous, yet alive And so they looked for ways to rid themselves of the parasite The day the light went out of the daytime sky Now I can rest here after my journey Now I can feed here before I continue

They tried in many fruitless ways to see the noonday sun

By blasting with their missiles through the dark But soon a kind of sleepy state came over everyone Till nothing seemed to stir or even breathe And when the darkness chose to disappear not many had survived Then came a shadow - another had arrived And again the light went out the daytime sky

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