## Hammill Peter ''Modern''

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Jericho's strange, throbbing with life at its heart: people are drawn together, simultaneously torn apart... Foundations are shattered in the city inside the barricaded doors ----hiding behind their walls, lonely as night falls, maybe the people are waiting for trumpets.... Babylon's strange, seventh wonder of the earth: gardens ablaze in colour, slowly rotting in the dirt and, with your head on fire, you can't really see. The hanging gardens sing, but with a hollow ring: the life is false, its killing me.... Don't look back, or you'll turn to stone; look around before your life is overgrown with concrete slabs! On your back the searching eyes that stab between chintz curtains, glinting, but never owning to a name ------

like the inmates of asylums

insane....

all the citizens are contagiously

Atlantis is strange, the explosion of an age:
no-one really knows what to do, and the city
is a cage.
It traps in ashen hours and concrete towers,
imprisons in the social order:
the city's lost its way,
madness takes hold today...

I can't live under water

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