Browne Jackson "Looking East"

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Standing in the ocean with the sun burning low in the west

Like a fire in the cavernous darkness at the heart of the beast

With my beliefs and possessions, stopped at the frontier in my chest

At the edge of my country, my back to the sea, looking east

Where the search for the truth is conducted with a wink and a nod

And where power and position are equated with the grace of God

These times are famine for the soul while for the senses it's a feast

From the edge of my country, as far as you see, looking east

Hunger in the midnight, hunger at the stroke of noon Hunger in the mansion, hunger in the rented room Hunger on the TV, hunger on the printed page

And there's a God-sized hunger underneath the laughing and the rage

In the absence of light

And the deepening night

Where I wait for the sun

Looking east

How long have I left my mind to the powers that be? How long will it take to find the higher power moving in me?

Power in the insect

Power in the sea

Power in the snow falling silently

Power in the blossom

Power in the stone

Power in the song being sung alone

Power in the wheatfield

Power in the rain

Power in the sunlight and the hurricane

Power in the silence

Power in the flame

Power in the sound of the lover's name

The power of the sunrise and the power of a prayer released

On the edge of my country, I pray for the ones with the least

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