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"The Past Is Another Land"

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You know nothing about me, and care even less.
How could you understand our emptiness?
You plundered our wisdom, our knowledge, our wealth.
In bleeding us dry, you long for our spirit.
But that you will never possess.

The past is now another land,
far beyond my reach.
Invaded by insidious foreign bodies, foreign speech
but the timeless joys of childhood lie broken on the
beach.

The present is an empty space, between the good and
bad.
A moment leading nowhere,
too pointless to be sad, but time enough to lay to
waste,
every certainty I had.

The future is a barren world
from which I can't return.
Both thoughtless and material,
it's wretched spoils mock my concern.
Shining like an evil sun, as my childhood treasures
burn.
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