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## Bruce Cockburn "Beautiful Creatures"

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There's a knot in my gut
As I gaze out today
On the planes of the city
All polychrome grey
When the skin is peeled of it
What is there to say?
The beautiful creatures are going away

Like a dam on a river
My conscience is pressed
By the weight of hard feelings
Piled up in my breast
The callous and vicious things
Humans display
The beautiful creatures are going away

Why? Why?

From the stones of the fortress

To the shapes in the air

To the ache in the spirit

We label despair

We create what destroys,

Bind ourselves to betray

The beautiful creatures are going away

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