Jarboe "Of Ancient Memory (The Oblivion Seekers)"

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as far as the eye can see heat is rising off the sand somewhere out on this holy land time once was held in their hands but it bleeds now down the mountain red to the river bank where they burn their dead and it sinks deep in the blackest sea to a bed of ancient memorythe incense is sweet fills the air this night: lulls you to sleep the past and the future are here in this fever from the cold star that makes no sound a cruel poison comes down as we bathe nude in the wind, metallic blue becomes our skin strange is the magic the waters make no sound strange is the magic we lay our bodies down love dark and tragic we lay upon the ground love is the magic now we spiral round we drink the waters filled with delight the past and the future closed to our sight

no need for the wisdom
words from the sages
for here is oblivion
come down through the ages
you don't come to this place on your own
you're born to this pain it's your home
it's useless they say to run and hide
you know it's useless they pay who stay and fight
we didn't come here of our own volition
it's prophesy, apathetic contrition
and we didn't come here of a free will
to grip a silent unknown fear then lay quite still
we close our eyes, turn our face
close our mind now go away
shut your eyes and turn away

you've closed your mind but it's here to stay in the flickering blue century the blue eternity blue bombs explode on the screen blue arms outstretched as they plead see the cold star, it makes no sound, poison comes down it sinks in the black sea: a bed of ancient memory

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