

Joe Pug "Nation Of Heat"

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Across from the prison and beside the great lake
Below the rooftop and above the highway
The Spirits pay rent to the basements they haunt
And the pages draw pictures of the things that they
want
I cook my dinner on the black top street
I come from the nation of heat

Outside the train station there's a bold painted sign
It says try to be patient don't forget to choose sides
We got the loudest explosions that you've ever hear
We've got two dollar soldiers and ten dollar words
If I didn't own boots i wouldn't need feet
I come from the nation of heat

So swift and so vicious are the carnival rides
and the carnival barker will yell your name for a bribe
We got billboards for love and Japanese cars
It aint rare to hear the street lights call themselves
stars
The more that I learn the more that I cheat
I come from the nation of heat

I've seen skeleton mothers and hungry folks
Across the street from the kitchen that cooks dinner the
most
Sometimes you hear whispers by the dark of the moon
That we promise too much and gave it too soon
Even our coughs said our fevers compete
I come from the nation of heat

Blocking borders with smiles our immigrant sons
We measure loneliness in miles and misery in tons
There's a straw hatted man going away from the shore
He said its a shame they dont let you have slaves here
anymore
I'm the ugliest man that youll ever meet
I come from the nation of heat

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