

Starkweather "Shroud"

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Spent years deadening my nerves Turn violence
inward Rise to the sight
Grey industrial haze shroud over the city Resign
rationale for
reptilian calm All frustrations mount and spiral Anneal
my animus
Slavering teeth rake venom from my tongue Dredge up
far reaching
horrors Suffer patiently Invite infection to nourish the
cancer
Unparalleled extremes Enter, if you will, virgin territory
No comfort
here inside this, the bleak house Darkness absolute A
pure form
imitation of life Room antiseptic white, blank
expressionless Sliding
hands across the plaster Feel for faults and fractures
My head
swimming in circles Floating endless slipstream Body
salamander slick

Shriveled as a newborn Vigor wrenched out in pools of
salt water
Ground to a halt Beat of life pulsing intermittently
vacillating -
Indecisive Sliding hands across the plaster Feel for
faults and
fractures Breathe deep the frigid air Cough on the
numbing sting of
sleeps pins and needles It's like swallowing razors
Jagged pieces of
glass and steel Stare into the sun with frozen open
eyes Searching for
a simple diversion Self-induced sense deprivation
Stare into the sun
with frozen open eyes Stare into the sun with frozen
open eyes
Icicles form in the furrows of my brows Sub-zero and
sweating Stare
into the sun Frozen open eyes

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