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"The Yard Went On Forever"

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Is everybody safe?
Has everybody got a place to hide?
Is everybody warm inside?

Hear them singing
All the women of Pompeii
Standing with the Kansas City housewives in doorways
In volcanoes and tornadoes on doomsday

De profundis clamavi ad te Domine
Donae nobis pacem
(5 times)
[Out of the deep have I cried to you, Lord
Grant us peace.]

There were houses, there were hoses
There were sprinklers on the lawn
There was an ironing board
And she would stand and made her understand him
And ask the children what they'd done at school that
day
And the yard went on forever

There were blouses with print roses, checkered shirts
and white levis
There was a frying pan and she would cook their
dreams while they were dreaming
And later she would send them out to play
And the yard went on forever

Is everybody safe?
Has everybody got a place to hide?
Is everybody warm inside?

Hear them singing
All the women of Pompeii
Standing with the Nagasaki housewives in doorways
In eruptions and destructions on doomsday

De profundis clamavi ad te Domine
Donae nobis pacem
(4 times)

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