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## Cribs, The "Be Safe"

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One of those fucking awful black days When nothing is pleasing and everything that happens is an excuse for anger An outlet for emotions stockpiled, an arsenal, an armour These are the days when I hate the world Hate the rich, hate the happy, hate the complacent, the TV watchers. beer drinkers, the satisfied ones Because I know I can be all of those little hateful things And then I hate myself for realising that There is no preventative, directive or safe approach for living. We each know our own fate We know from our youth how to be treated, how we'll be received and how we shall end These things don't change. You can change your clothes, change your hairstyle, your friends, cities, continents But sooner or later your own self will always catch up. Always it waits in the wings. Ideas swirl but don't stick, They appear but then run off like rain on the windshield. One of those rainy day car rides, my head implodes, the atmosphere in this car a mirror of my skull Wet, damp, windows dripping and misted with cold Walls of grey Nothing good on the radio Not a thought in my head

Be safe

I know a place we can go where you'll fall in love so hard that you'll wish you were dead.

Lets take life and slow it down incredibly slow Frame by frame With two minutes that take ten years to live out Yeah, lets do that.

Telephone poles like praying mantis against the sky Metal arms outstretched So much land traveled, so little sense made of it It doesn't mean a thing all this land laid out behind us I'd like to take off into these woods and get good and lost for a while I'm disgusted with petty concerns; parking tickets, breakfast specials Does someone just have to carry this weight? Abstract topography, methane covenant, linear gospel, Nashville sales lady, Stygian emissary, torturous lice, mad Elizabeth

Chemotherapy bullshit.

The light within me shines like a diamond mine Like an unarmed walrus Like a dead man face down on the highway Like a snake eating its own tail, steam turbine, frog pond, too full a closet burst open in disarray

Soap bubbles in the sun, hospital death bed, red convertible,

shopping list, blowjob, deaths head, devils dancing, bleached white buildings, memory, movements The movie unpeeling, unreeling, about to begin

I've seen your hallway, you're a dark hallway I hear your stairs creak

I can fix my mind on your yes, and on your no I'll film your face today in the sparkling canals All red, yellow, blue, green brilliance and silver Dutch reflection

Racing thoughts, racing thoughts

All too real, you're moving so fast now I cant hold your image

This image I have of your face by the window, me standing beside you arm on your shoulder A catalogue of images, flashing glimpses then gone again

I'm tethered to this post you've sunk in me And every clear afternoon now I'll think of you up in the air twisting your heel,

Your knees up around me, my face in your hair You scream so well, your smile so loud, still rings in my ears.

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Inhibition,

Distant, tired of longing Cleaning my teeth Stay the course. Hold the wheel Steer on to freedom Open all the boxes Open all the boxes Open all the boxes Open all the boxes Times Square midday Newspaper buildings, news headlines going around You watch as they go, and hope there's some good ones Those tree shadows in the park they're all whispering shakes and leaves Around six pm, shadows across the cobblestones Girl in front of a bathroom mirror she slow and careful paints her face green and mask like Like Matisse' portrait with green stripe Long shot through apartment window, a monologue on top but no girl in shot The light within me shines like a diamond mine like an unarmed walrus like a dead man face down on the highway Like a snake eating its own tail A steam turbine, frog pond, too full a closet burst open in disarray, soap bubbles in the sun, hospital death bed, red convertible, shopping list, blowjob, deaths head, devils dancing, bleached white buildings, memory, movements The movie unreeling, about to begin That was great

Yeah? Mine were alright. Wasn't my best one but who cares? That's the spirit...

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