

Townshend Pete

"Outlive The Dinosaur"

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I breathe

My throat clenches

Clutching to exclude

A dozen different stench

In Falmouth Bay

A blue whale rolls

Gonna drown in the swirl

>From city sewer holes

Summers longer

Deltas gashed

Ancient trees

Uprooted, smashed

Time is generous-more, take more

I must outrun the dinosaur

A silent temple

Marble-hard

Decays and softens

Battle-scarred

A relic deaf

To bits and streams

And polo-necks

And perfect jeans
Obsessed with silence
Spiked by noise
I hold my son
I plan our toys
Time expansive-more, take more
I must outlive the dinosaur
Rising rivers
Drown new shoots
Words and breath
In death cahoots
The strong survive
To wean more brutes
Who grow and seed
Extend their roots
Cowards, bombs
And scab recruits
Like monkeys trapped
In monkey suits
Time is plentiful-more, take more
I must outfight the dinosaur

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