

Parker Graham

"Discovering Japan"

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Her heart is nearly breaking, the earth is nearly
quaking,

The Tokyo taxi's braking, it's screaming to a halt

And there's nothing to hold on to when gravity betrays
you

and every kiss enslaves you

She knows how hard her heart grows under the nuclear
shadows,

She can't escape the feeling repeating in her head

When after all the urges, some kind of truth emerges

We felt the deadly surges discovering Japan

The GI's only use her, they always ram right through
her,

Giving an Eastern promise that they could never keep

Seeing a million miles between their jokes and smiles,
she heard their hard

denials

As the tears dropped sideways down her face, face

I wake up talking in the tongue of a different race, race

And as the [Bm] flight touches down my watch says
eight-oh-two,

but that's midnight to you

I dreamed headlong collisions in jetlag panavision

I shouted 'soyanara', it didn't mean goodbye

But lovers turn to posers, show up in film exposures

Just like in travel brochures discovering Japan

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