## Various Artists "Dead London"

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There were a dozen dead bodies in the Euston Road Their outlines softened by the black dust All was still, houses locked and empty, shops closed But looters had helped themselves to wine and food And outside a jewelers some gold chains And a watch were scattered on the pavement

Ulla

I stopped, staring towards the sound It seemed as if that mighty desert of houses Had found a voice for its fear and solitude

Ulla

The desolating cry worked upon my mind The wailing took possession of me I was intensely weary, footsore, hungry and thirsty Why was I wandering alone in this city of the dead?

Why was I alive

When London was lying in state in its black shroud? I felt intolerably lonely, drifting from street to empty street

Drawn inexorably towards that cry

Ulla

I saw, over the trees on Primrose Hill
The fighting machine from which the howling came
I crossed Regent's Canal, there stood a second
machine
Upright but as still as the first

Ulla

Abruptly, the sound ceased, suddenly the desolation The solitude, became unendurable While that voice sounded London it still seemed alive Now suddenly there was a change, the passing of something And all that remained was this gaunt quiet

I looked up and saw a third machine
It was erect and motionless like the others
An insane resolve possessed me
I would give my life to the Martians, here and now

I marched recklessly towards the Titan And saw that a multitude of black birds Were circling and clustering about the hood I began running along the road

I felt no fear only a wild, trembling exultation
As I ran up the hill towards the motionless monster
Out of the hood hung red shreds
At which the hungry birds now pecked and tore

I scrambled up to the crest of Primrose Hill
The Martians camp was below me
A mighty space it was and scattered about it
In their overturned machines, were the Martians

Dead, slain after all man's devices had failed By the humblest things up on the Earth, bacteria Minute, invisible, bacteria

Directly the invaders arrived and drank and fed Our microscopic allies attacked them From that moment they were doomed

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