Swallowing an ocean of absence

Soaking in the tortured admissions and passionate denials The absent friends and enemies, the manufactured threats The crushing weight of memories are all that I have left The absence of feeling - no love, no pity, no hate

And the absence of anything as what's left of me

Drowns in waves of mindless apathy, submerged in total despair Dilute the venom of misery

See the world through the bottom of a glass

As all sensation separates from a numbing heart

Another dosage of the antidote suffocates emotion before it sta rts the same depression

The same fear...constant frustration at the same reflected star es

...but cold flesh protects my mind like a clear, smooth, hard b ottle-glass skull

From crushing volumes of nothing