

# All Of Everything Erased

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This is the window where  
I watched the future start  
My pupils dilated  
The shock sped up my arms  
I shut my ambushed eyes  
And turned my face towards the heat

I felt the city choke  
I heard the world at war  
I prayed for providence  
God said, don't pray no more  
You went and made your mess  
Now keep your blame off my feet

So I got off my knees  
I faced the devil's day  
The sky was murder red  
The streets were headstone gray  
A flaming ferris wheel  
Spun where the sun used to be

I watched it's buckets dip and dance  
I saw a couple making love lock hands  
They were pushing for abandon and the answers it could bring  
90 million miles from the graveyard growing over everything

I saw my lover chased  
Through fields of sugarcane  
She clutched her belly close  
And whispered, "keep us safe"  
They ground her down to dust  
No more miracles today

I dreamt myself awake  
In a resort hotel  
Above a golden coast  
Beside my Southern belle  
We heard the sea reborn  
In each singing shell

And every coughing car  
And every coiled snake  
And every shrieking star  
And every burning stake  
Dissolved to atmosphere  
All of everything, erased

I spread into a distant hum  
I droned along with everyone  
And the earth grew green and nursed herself to what she used to be  
All our senseless shouting calmed to quiet in her ancient memory

And oh, what a joy,  
To be free.