For the Captain

Okkervil River

Relax, no song is written
It's nothing you thought of yourself
It's just a ghost, came unbidden
To this house

This infection gets stronger every year This seed in the water of your tear There's no escaping it

This seed in the water of your tear the way an unborn baby's ear Unfolds in your belly

This infection gets stronger every year This direction of a tear rolling down your cheek And there's no escaping it

There's no escaping
The thing that is making
Its home in your radio

Bless this tiny alley We have fallen from tall buildings We have fallen Bless the birth of him The chapel he was killed in All your tiny flowers They have sat under the sidewalk They have waited for the pieces Of the summer sun to show us All that is your beauty All and all that is your treasure I could smell your skin beside me Say I hope I'm here forever Oh but captain with your lovers With your list of sacred pillows With your sacred list of children And the wall where you drew windows Overlooking tiny gardens Cut in half by jagged mountains And the secret sacred sharing That went on beside the fountain Where the water waits forever For a tiny, tiny treasure That will rise up and recover That will leave this tiny alley When you meet me in the garden With your wings all dipped in cedar All those spirits brushing past me Brushing past me in the ether Say all this is window dressing All you are is tiny curtains They will flame, they will flame up You won't know that you are BURNING! BURNING! BURNING! BURNING! www.txp.cz