Babelogue

Patti Smith

I haven't fucked much with the past, But I've fucked plenty with the future. Over the skin of silk are scars From the splinters of stations And walls I've caressed.

A stage is like each bolt of wood, Like a log of Helen, is my pleasure. I would measure the success of a night By the way by the way by the amount of piss and seed I could exude over the columns that nestled the P.A.

Some nights I'd surprise everybody by skipping off With a skirt of green net sewed over With flat metallic circles which dazzled and flashed. The lights were violet and white. I had an ornamental veil, but I couldn't bear to use it.

When my hair was cropped, I craved covering, But now my hair itself is a veil, And the scalp inside is a scalp of A crazy and sleepy Comanche Lies beneath this netting of the skin.

I wake up. I am lying peacefully I am lying peacefully and my knees are open to the sun. I desire him, and he is absolutely ready to seize me. In heart I am a Moslem; In heart I am an American; In heart I am Moslem, In heart I'm an American artist, And I have no guilt.

I seek pleasure. I seek the nerves under your skin. The narrow archway; the layers; The scroll of ancient lettuce.

We worship the flaw, the belly, the belly, The mole on the belly of an exquisite whore. He spared the child and spoiled the rod. I have not sold myself to God.