

Outlive The Dinosaur

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I breathe
My throat clenches
Clutching to exclude
A dozen different stenches
In Falmouth Bay
A blue whale rolls
Gonna drown in the swill
From city sewer holes
Summers longer
Deltas gashed
Ancient trees
Uprooted, smashed
Time is generous-more, take more
Time is generous-more, take more
Time is generous-more, take more
I must outrun the dinosaur

RAY: As to your question about how this will affect your career, the great artist is just like a child, and intuitively understands the need to submit to the audience. Do you begin to see the secret?

A silent temple
Marble-hard
Decays and softens
Battle-scarred
A relic deaf
To bits and streams
And polo-necks
And perfect jeans
Obsessed with silence
Spiked by noise
I hold my son
I plan his toys
Time expansive-more, take more
Time expansive-more, take more
Time expansive-more, take more
I must outlive the dinosaur

RAY: Lastly, you must be prepared to test yourself. Why not try the song I have enclosed? It's an outtake from a secret project I'm working on called "Gardlife". The tape you sent shows you can sing, so ... sing.

Rising rivers
Drown new shoots
Words and breath
In death cahoots
The strong survive
To wean more brutes
Who grow and seed
Extend their roots
Cowards, bombs
And scab recruits
Like monkeys trapped
In monkey suits
Time is plentiful-more, take more
Time is plentiful-more, take more
Time is plentiful-more, take more

I must outfight the dinosaur

Time is plentiful-more, take more (Take some more)
Time is plentiful-more, take more (There's plenty more)
Time is plentiful-more, take more (Just take some more)
Time is plentiful-more, take more
Time is plentiful-more, take more (Ah.....take)
Time is plentiful-more, take more (Take some more)
Time is plentiful-more, take more,
more take more, more take more
Take more
Take more