

## Cattle And Cane

### The Go-Betweens

I recall a schoolboy coming home  
through fields of cane  
to a house of tin and timber  
and in the sky  
a rain of falling cinders  
from time to time  
the waste memory-wastes  
I recall a boy in bigger pants  
like everyone  
just waiting for a chance  
his father's watch  
he left it in the showers  
from time to time  
the waste memory-wastes  
I recall a bigger brighter world  
a world of books  
and silent times in thought  
and then the railroad  
the railroad takes him home  
through fields of cattle  
through fields of cane  
from time to time  
the waste memory-wastes  
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further, longer, higher, older