

gunshot fireflies
pricking my restful eyes
will you let me fall asleep to reservoir lullabies

did you hear what they said
in my strobe light bed
after the rave gave way
to a concrete embrace
peace costs too much
i ran out of luck
police budgets left me
with a broken hand
pending charges
no guarantee of false security
for the life i built selling
gentrified lies as community
love and drugs
baggie solidarity
where straw men slide
between plastic freckled tides
on a carbon caked beach

i'm asleep
atop your moss-covered feet
unity little more than a prayer said in disbelief

dirty finger nails
tongue words
follow trails
to bulldozers barbed wire and trees

swallowing bugs at the party
you said to me

respect is breath exhaled into the sea

don't give yourself away
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they said to me

a grassy embrace
we fell to our knees
gunshots and hymnals
echoing from trees
bury my breath
in an exhaled sea

stains on my clothes from tumbling weeds
swallowing bugs that you fed me
we ran down the hill to find a party
tucked past bulldozers, barbed wire, and trees
dirty finger nails, tonguing words along trails
my moss-covered feet, dancing a prayer said in disbelief

you don't have to give yourself away
they said to me
a grassy embrace, we fell to our knees
bury my breath in an exhaled sea

i want a quiet place to fall asleep in a stream