

Kobo Town, Higher Than Mercy

Bomb blast, lightening flash
First the rumble and then the crash
Then the fire, then the storm
Then the silent aftermath.

After silence comes the stir
Then the harsh and bitter words
Fist shaken at the sky:
Empty heavens, no reply

Chorus
Birds drop fire
Then retire, fly by wire
flames leap high but the birds flying higher
than shouts and screams
doubts and dreams
higher than mercy can reach
higher
higher than mercy can reach

those left in disbelief
in doubt, in haste, delaying grief
clawing through the dusty hill
but all beneath is cold and still

over stillness comes the cry
lost child left behind
holds a shred of his mother's dress
and he's screaming for the rest

high up in the atmosphere
looks like fireworks from here
laser-guided freedom falls
among the ruins blessing all.

after blessing shrieks the curse
new husband fears the worst:
last nights loving eyes
stare blankly from the dirt.