

Operation Ivy, Freeze Up

empty factories to the east and all our waste
the shape of things that came show on the broken worker's face
to the west you'll find a silicon promised land
where machines all replace their minds with systematic profit plans
the course of human progress staggers like a drunk
it's pace is quick and heavy but it's mind is slow and blunt
i look for optimism but i just dont know
its seeds are planted in a poison place where nothing grows

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weathers' bitter tension it seems is sinking down
drunk with power
and fighting one another
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one nation stands the tallest radiating blinding light
plastic and flourescent energy robbing us of sight
set in our way- content with our decay
we wave the flag of freedom as we conquer and invade
ever ask yourself where's my place in this hell?
but no one's there to tell you cuz they dont know that themselves
the well-rehearsed lines from our elated politicians
no longer offer solace we can see the self-destruction

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static and division is increasing like a storm
we are sheltered
we are forewarned
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