## Smog, Permanent Smile

Oh God, can you feel the sun in your back? Oh God, can you see your shadow, inky black on the sand? Oh God, can you hear the saltwater drying on your skin? Oh God, can you feel my heart beating in my tongue?

Oh God, by being quiet, I hope to alleviate my death Oh God, by sitting still, I hope to lighten your load When your shadow covers me from head to toe Curtain every flies, tell me it's mine, my time to go

Seven waves of insects make babies in, in my skin Seven waves of insects make families in my skin (It's just like animals) It's just like animals that play And the flesh...flesh...rotted off my skull And then I will have earned my permanent, my permanent smile

Oh God, I never, never asked why Oh God, I never, never asked why