

# The Drones, Penumbra

Edwin backs into the void  
He's not in training now  
And the pilot standing 19 feet  
From Edwin on the surface  
Bleached bone white  
Was once a pilot who flew  
Sorties in a war

But that don't matter any more  
Edwin's three feet from the floor  
As the pilot without warning  
Takes a piss inside his pants  
Hoping his pressure suit don't boil  
And Edwin does the same  
Charles Darwin's royals  
The Eagle too, man's greatest feat  
Miraculously intact  
All acute angles, knees and elbows  
Squats in golden underpants

Much later in the day  
Edwin locks the cargo bay  
And turns to see the cyclops  
Neil Armstrong through the hatch  
He's drifting further out of wednesday  
Eye clamped between the ice caps  
Then Edwin does the same  
They're like two orphans at the window of an aeroplane  
It's 200 below zero  
The sun's shrieking like an owl  
Their footprints crush the bones of fairies  
As their grasps are disemboweled

## The Drifting Housewife

I was more worried about taxes  
When my lovely red-eyed bride  
Became a hairsplitting believer  
That i should be vilified

She'd see the rudder fail me  
Move to Egypt or to Spain  
The hammer fell, my fate's altered  
Like sparks thrown from a flame  
You know the Law  
Know the Law

My hopes were razed like three day growth  
Then raked by nervous ticks  
Was i the bulls-eye or the launch-pad?  
I could never find the switch

Her eye received heaven from earth  
Like an atoll petrified  
Except where Saturn's life-belt  
Shields a half life from your eyes  
You know the Law  
Know the Law

So don't go getting married  
You can only change her name  
You know the Law  
Know the Law

I'm out here on lighthouse duty  
Where the foghorns groan through space  
Echo into red ant country  
Through the doldrums and the wastes

I'd right the wrongs if i could  
But some things can't be exchanged  
So don't go getting married  
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