

Laura Veirs, Saltbreakers

Serpent tails and flying fish
sup up all the wishes
that you sent to the stars
Chinese dragons incandescent
mirrors in the waves
I want to put them in jars

With my-y-y saltbreakers
(ringing all the underwater, underwater, underwater bells)
saltbreakers
(look inside a space, look inside a space and you can tell)
saltbreakers
(what you need to sow, what you need to know by any means)

You will not burn me up
though I've dreamed nightly of your face
and walked the streets of my life
with your singing in my silent brain
you cannot burn me up
i'm a fallen leaf who keeps her green
and don't forget I've got my
trusty bag of oh-oh-oh

saltbreakers
(flashing in the night, crashing all around my eyes)
saltbreakers
(throwing me down turning on the fire flies)
saltbreakers
(the ebb and the flood, clearing all the channels of your heart)

bleached by the dark
oceans of clouds
rainstorms of ash
stars on the ground

all around my-y saltbreakers
(floating like a butterfly singing like a bumblebee)
saltbreakers
(dashing alright, splashing and slumbering)
saltbreakers
(mirror to the serpentine stars)