Oceania, Effigy

wrap your phantom limbs around me
dripping darkness warm and wet
black womb infested with stars
scorch the earth as you retreat

men in gas masks
fumigated a sleeping hive
honeycombed with secrets
that no one will ever know

mirthless laughter polite hatred
passive aggression
burning myself in effigy
for all the hateful crowds

flush the baby alligator
down the drain
watch it grow up
and prowl the crumbling sewers

shooting birds out of the sky
look how they fall
so surprised to be dead
and plummeting to the earth