

# 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