

STEINAR RAKNES

Ravel Prelude

*I saw the shape of the wind in the water
Looking at the waves, the oceans' daughters
The mermaids sang "come home
From wherever you roam"*

*I passed out and I woke up
Felt like a blank white page
Of a novel, reborn
With a new eye
(Clearing my mouth from foam)*

*:/:Like the sound of a Ravel prelude
There are days I long for solitude
To find a place all quiet
Far away :/:
From racket and riot*

*Looking down between the clouds
I am opening my mouth
To breath in the sensation
Of the creation*

*Watching the fishing boats go
To the banks where the men used to row
The lungs and the gills and the heart
Of the nation*

:/:Like the sound of a Ravel prelude...

*Far away from troubled waters
Far from poverty and man slaughter
I'm sitting on the rooftop of a world
That can be lost*

*We should all do what me must
It's all committed to our trust*

*While the stars still shine
Above our heads*

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