

## The Very Old Man

Hum

Electrified and lit up by an outline of herself  
Smiling now as only she can be.  
She said I made some new connections to astound them all  
In ways we've never dreamed about  
Her lovely hand is glowing from the light inside itself  
From soaking in the esters stacked for miles on a single shelf  
Holding my eyes still so she can see  
If all the superundercover custom hybrids got to me  
It's too much  
You're too late  
I want to see it all again  
She says eep this benzene ring around your finger  
And think of me when everything you wanted starts to end  
And I saw living clusters form in pools beneath her feet  
Invertebrates that only she can see  
And I said what on earth are all these ampuls for  
She says exactly, we're not gunna wait around here anymore  
Systems back down slow, watch the dust cloud resend  
And I will keep you. I will keep you till the end  
Set your head down low, watch my ears ring  
It's eerie and it's awesome,  
How connected two pods scattered on the surface can become,  
Lazy into one.

He knows lightning kills the other,  
She can't stand to watch his petals fall,  
It's better when cascades become like us all.

Afternoon a golden disengagement leaves a woman,  
With a household left to fill.  
Sit, and be still, send the voltage cross his ticker,  
Watch the stars they start to flicker, and one by one levels  
Fall.

Another drink my love, and make it tall enough  
So I can stand on it and see, all you've done for me.  
A world of curves and lines electric,  
Remember how you strung the colored lights, from Christmas tree  
To me?