

Petrified

Pere Ubu

Not so many thousand years before
these old rocks were the bones of the haplocanthosaur
Old,
Old rocks
Old
Tall as a house,
gentle as a mouse...
Bare bones are petrified
Later they are classified
A skeleton may indicate,
imagination animates
The mind's eye does need to see
the fluid grace and subtlety
of animals fitted perfectly
to a world not like the one we see

The bones of a flying animal now called the pterosaur
have been found a hundred miles
from the presumed seashore
Old,
Old rocks
Old
One kind had teeth like a whale's
One kind had a hair covering
One kind would've been 37 feet from wing to wing...
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Here's the sort of bird that we don't see
In some of the books it's not treated
quite respectfully
Old,
Old rocks
Old,
Old rocks
Has the short end of the stick been given archaeopteryx?