

# Epizootics!

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Maman Neigho was frightened by Hawaiians  
When all the veins ran out  
When too much bone structure went missing  
She thumbed the galleon Cacafuego

Forsook the eyebrows climbing into greasy black hairlines  
Narcrotic leis yanked down around the melanomed ankles  
Their putrid petals dropping, erasing the white shoes  
Like a face being eaten by a jungle

Slabs of steam tables whiffing of onions and roses  
Haunted Jacuzzis churning  
All night the native bods squealing B-flat  
Like choirs of pigs seeking revenge for stolen insulin

Blip, boost, bust, brother  
That's how we copped a final  
Reached this city without sound

Everywhere you turn  
Bunkers of rubber hoses pronging up off the city's floor

Chirp, chime, clambaked, cups  
Don't step on that rotting tartare

Just might bust your conk  
Might lay your racket  
Early black ickaroo

It's dense, tense  
Unseen through, pound for pound  
All the people, on the corners  
Pushing each other around  
Humping like buggers, touching like muggers  
Pushing each other around

Adepocere in a zoot  
Sloshing, karat, ballooning down the street  
Thousand kilos simpy, forty stone send  
Tips his skypiece, come to weigh me up

But I'm toned  
Gut bucket  
Ground grippers ready to trilly  
Layin' down iron, toggled to the bricks  
Shh

Let's add a little shade  
Try something apart from the hogshair  
While Pope Julius affects his red slippers  
Let Michelangelo tip-toe around in his dogskin boots  
Shh

The powder on a chalky bosom  
Rises and hangs in the air  
Clouds crawling through protracted blue  
Like souls of insects

From threshing haze  
The scent of spider lilies

Sam P's bagged decapitation  
Rotates to the ocean floor  
Its nostrils are twitching and sniffing

Gabriel's gravy  
Got your glasses on, gate  
There's some mezz glimmers, a gammon V8

Twisters in the slammer  
Frisking their whiskers  
Till peola dim on the chime of black

It's dense, tense  
Unseen through, pound for pound  
Scratch and Jesus on the corner  
Pushing each other around  
Shoving like sluggers, touching like muggers  
Pushing each other around

Snapping their caps, slidin' their jibs  
Lampin' the breees, drapin' the trees

Oops, pardon the elbow  
Let's just shift you over here  
Sorry, I'm so clumsy  
Take that accidently in the bollocks for a start

Seven brights jumped in port  
Reached this city without sound  
Kopasetic, on the corners  
Pushing each other around  
Everybody on the corners  
Pushing each other around.

Joe below, hincty dicty  
Slipped the pounders, fews and two  
Knock me, boot me  
Down in the land of darkness  
Sweet Leilani, heavenly flower