

# Current 93, Black Ships Were Sinking into Idum?

I have dug a cradle as red as dung  
And the dragonfly answers back  
Hello monkey-paw!  
Heartfaced Messiah  
Cradles of bark burn outwards  
The sunspider sleeps with a face so cosy warm  
The fire in my belly is oh so sleepy warm  
With chocolates and mountains  
And mother and pearl  
And Peachface so lovely  
Crows play zithers and neuter the streams  
And Black Ships are nothing but the transfers of pussies  
And Black Ships were stinking whilst the drum-rolls were sinking  
In maggots and cabbage  
Oh Cosmic Shirley Temple  
In your ecstatic church appears twilight  
Your ringlets are purring  
And burred by buds of frost  
And damp stars crackle  
Damp stars  
Such beauty everywhere, and me as blind as Jack Corn Crow-Face  
I guide Black Ships home to their Polar Sodom  
Take Black Ships from the sky and eat their prows  
Each bird sings over their burnings  
We all watch copper couplings by the lovely streams  
And all the Gospels are true  
And all the words wing true  
Replace red stars with real God eyes so red  
So the road never blinks  
And shut when we leave leaving sheets  
Lazarus! Lazarus! Oh type of us all!  
The lost the forsaken the dead.  
(Coptic passage)  
And shut the night shut and hot butter dreams in my mouth  
There are sweets so sharp they marshal teeth of gnats from railways  
If I make no sense to you I make no sense to me  
The dreams I have are sticky as dreams  
That leave trails of words that mean churches fall  
If I have a face well I am sick of its skin  
It's pink like plastic and my smile is unreal  
It's the froth of excuses  
And I was dead long ago  
And now walk in file with my lies  
David Michael  
Batu Gajah  
And elephant frame  
Where my mother shoots me out with bloodfalls  
And I am tied to my past with a string of skin  
And I am camel-necked  
And crippled by the dross I built for you  
And I am Black Ship  
And I am Black Ship:  
And I made them all rise  
And I kill sleep with piratical mirth  
And Black Ship time makes me crave  
To steal faces from the galaxy  
I crave faces from the galaxy  
I'll kill faces from the galaxy