&&&&&&& beneath a sinking sky &&&&&&&&&

hiding from mirrors shining jet in disrepair awaiting angels from some distant fading star

elysium evaporating

standing on earth hallowed with radiation wet with acid tears

defeat after defeat holds us like a leaden weight upon the silver altar

is this the end?
can we walk beneath a sinking sky
forever?

defeat after defeat
aching education
armour for the struggle

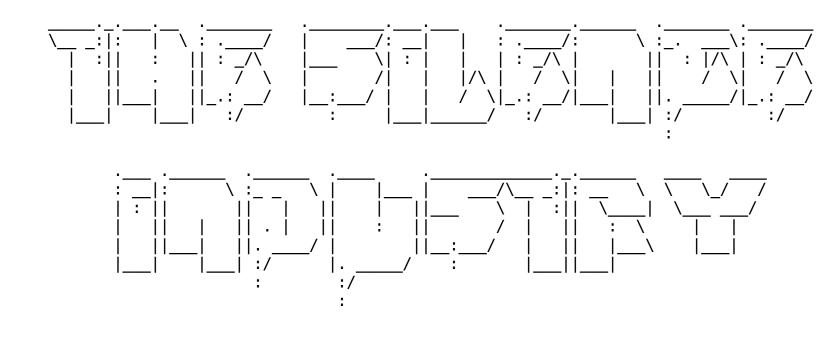
shoulder to shoulder casting stones and petrol bombs into the falling sky

this is not the end.

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+ steel rhythms rain. +

i've watched you slip
 behind these walls
a hundred times or more

towering almost above the sun in inhuman glory

i've watched you slip away
 w i t h er with the hours of each day
no closer to me.

(elusive in this sea
 of smoke and shadow)

you've seen me crawling
through the dirt and wrecks
you've seen me caked in mud
while waiting at the edge
for the cool of night to fall.

elusive in this sea of smoke
 and shadow
under the weight of gravity

i'm falling away
 as steel rhythms rain
 upon these words, unspoken
do you hear them scream?

how did we come to this place?
waiting on the first of may
or for some other day that never came
when will i see your face again?

i'm falling away as steel rhythms rain
 upon these words, unspoken
 do you hear them scream?
 towering almost above the s u n
as all of our inhuman glories fade

elusive in this sea of smoke and shadow under the weight of gravity

take this day. take my hand. and tell me there are things that cannot wait.

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::::::: vou (let me conspire) :::::::
so many seasons of the salt of earth
     drip from your graceful
                           motions
you reflect the rays
     of a hundred suns
    sundering these walls
    of purple isolation
( let your petals fall like rain
                  across my face )
shivering in the wake
     of storms you bring
  the rainscent on your wrists
        blankets me like sleep
will these moments pass
     before our dreaming eyes?
  before we can crash like waves
upon the shores of
         here
                    and
                             now
let me conspire with you
forever soaked in restless songs
        sensations dance
windswept
            across
                      our skins
reflecting rays of a hundred suns
sundering these || walls ||
   standing so tired
   around us.
shivering in the wake
  of storms you bring
  the rainscent on your wrists
  blankets me like sleep
this hunger feeds the blood that flows
      like rivers in our veins
  let your petals fall like rain
      across my face
let me conspire with you
forever soaked in restless songs
        sensations dance
windswept
            across
                      our skins
don't let this moment pass (before our dreaming eyes)
let's crash like waves
    upon the shores of here
                    and now.
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>>>>> last breaths <<<<<

set adrift, delusion the dream is dead

small fires burn, but they burn ever brighter here

empires and endless corridors
crash
down
around us
bathing in the last breaths
of our history.

these moments call our names in a dead language this glittering past evaporates like mist in august.

one world is dying a new one struggles to be born

while we're hiding from this love glowing with the dusk beneath new flags the future is closing in

it seems nearly close enough to touch
its' taste of burning rust is in the air tonight

beneath new flags the future is
 >>>> closing in <<<<<
it seems close enough to touch
while we're hiding from this love
 glowing with the dusk
 under e n d l e s s skies
where the morning rises and we breathe
 free from ourselves
 who we thought we were
 and who you said we are</pre>

are we who we thought we were? is this who we are? these moments call our names in a dead language this glittering past drowning in the last breaths of our history.

~~ to turn the earth. ~~

(we're) standing here in empty space
 with the mouths
 of all the hungry heavens

static settles on the world sings between the statues

we're swimming in the sound
 of secrets
and the hammering of drums

i've been drinking
from this bitter fountain
for so long
can i still taste the waters?

we weather winds
of consequence
making peace with a constant state
of war

cold sweat beads upon your brow as you push to turn the earth once more

somewhere there is sunlight setting on a many hued horizon and so many fiscal years fading like the plans we layed in some other days.

i've been drinking
from this bitter fountain
for so long
can i still taste the waters?

we've been holding up the sky together
do you remember how it feels
not to bear this weight?

cold sweat beads upon your brow
as you push to turn the earth once more
into the fires
of today we race
headlong

tell me baby,
 do you still think about tomorrow?

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*** over the undergrounds ***
                                                                                  ##### live//work//dream #####
we're running in the heat
                                                                                  searching through the snow
 of a red sun rising
                                                                                    for shelter
above these wasted spaces
                                                                                        across this landscape
over the undergrounds of yesterday
                                                                                        stripped of all our traces
beside ruins of tomorrow
                                                                                   spaces we once knew
unearthed
                                                                                     as our reflections in some
        by winds of today
                                                                                          glassy pool
and the fallings of our many feet
                                                                                       long since gone.
in places they've never been
                                                                                   alien eyes
you may cut the throat
                                                                                           occupy the empties left
of every flower
                                                                                      in our surrendered minds
but you can't stop
the spring from coming
                                                                                   i can see you turning grey
i've been down
                                                                                     with the passing of so many
vou've been out
                                                                                       unchanging days
at the edge of despondency
with skin alive
your hands and
                                                                                   we live, we work, we breathe
                   mine
will build a will to dream
                                                                                   we live, we work, we eat
                                                                                   we sing, we work, we work, we dream
you may cut the throat
                                                                                   we live, we work, we breathe
of every flower
but you can't stop
the spring from coming
                                                                                   i can see you turning grey
                                                                                     with the passing of so many
we've come too far
                                                                                       unchanging days
 in all our journeys
to be held back by anything.
                                                                                       ( drifting away )
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                                                                                   we live, we work, we breathe

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                   we sing, we work, we work, we dream
                                                                                   we live, we work, we breathe
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                        with alien eves
                       we watch the sun pass by
                                                                                   to sink beneath the sky
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                                                                                    and now we're searching
                                                                                        through the snow for shelter
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                                                                                      across this landscape stripped
                                                                                         of all our traces.
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behind