

Blue Green Planet (12.4 Tablature)

earth
 blue green
 planet our home
the loss of it
 loss of all this
and love flown
 hourglass sand
 snow sting sand
 ethiopian sand falling

the death that follows
 death of things
 my death
 yours one hundred
 twenty-seven
 psalms a burning wind
and our lives
 irretrievable irresistible
 angels
the language of angels
 their breath
 the rush of wings

all these wonders
 and lives irresistible
whisper
 of angel wings
 and little
 ringed plover

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