

Happy Birthday

Take a walk among the monuments
Count the ones that you think should mention you by name
Find the notes for songs you meant to write
On them scribble the words "too little" and "too late"
Tally and date

Keep your head down, hazel eyes averted
Any day now you'll reveal your furtive power
Mountains rumble, yawning tremors open
Sides assemble
Scale the archers' towers
And you're still planning

Happy birthday
Candles slowly dripping
Cable replay
Still the chances slip away
Alexander signs his graven image
In the end you left your boldest mark upon the water

Upon the water

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