

Water once lay,
unbroken blue green. River deep,
tarmac's hidden secret.

Petrol surface emerges, mirrors onslaught of stature

high rise cut sky by angular and metallic flight
reflections of reflections reflect
parallel symmetrical heat on cold carved by cable
currents flowing towerings hummings surfaces lit
abstract

expression on urban sprawl
Layer on layer dug up compressed
asphalt lines forfeit cobble clay earth
Foundation laid down on foundation
hosting the race
to reach thinner air

Millennium since embryonic
organism unparalleled growth pulsating
with exquisite power
losing backstreets gaining
polished stone
Few becomes a one half million
pushing forward with subjugation
belief momentum past forgotten hear
ever brighter calls perfection

Place of home-child-work-
living-dying surfaces flowing
with human sprawl
deep intake of breath in neighbourhoods:
ready for the next ring hammerings

From deep suburban valleys reaching
From terraced hillsides spilling into
Heart of the city, beat hard against
fossilisation: oblivion