

AS WIDE AS THE MERSEY

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In memory of the Mersey born writer Malcolm Lowry.
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Open your mouth as wide as the Mersey
And drink it all in
Drink it all in
Leave those old fish and that supermarket trolley
Flapping and rusty in the mud
In the mud

*Turn the glass in your hand
It catches the light
That turns it into words
Turns it into words
Turns it into words
Almost
So open your mouth as wide as the Mersey
And drink it all drink it all in
Drink it all drink it all in*

Open your mouth as wide as the sky
And glug it all down
Glug it all down
Leave all those clouds and that big frowning moon
Beached and naked in the void
In the void

Drink it all down further down
Till the taps are empty
And the lakes are thirsty
And the seas are patches of damp