ORELAJA WRITES

HEAR ME SEE ME FEAR ME

Prelude.

We did not hear the penultimate tick We did not hear the final tock Hear me

The warning was clear
But we were still confused
Rushing down terrazzo steps
Bemused.
Hear me

A sea of blue, pink toes and radios, arms aghast, waving and talking
Well that won't last!
Hear me.

We breathe the still air moving to the 4th floor Mario knocking on the subbies exit door See me.

Through curtain walled glass
We watch the sea of blue, pink toes, sirens abound
Back in the building they slam
We look at each other pad ourselves down and head for the
roof top
See me.

We wait

Fear me.

The crack was silent ironic I know, yet one felt it, rather than heard

The vortex rushed upwards along fragile buildings made of glass pulling all insight up towards the heavens See me.

We seek shelter within lift overruns, click our cameras just as the acid rain had begun Those Emerald Isle boys know how to put on a show

Settling dust and debris abound we cautiously listen for any prevailing secondary sound $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Fear}}$ me.

The fear abates quickly this is 1993 peace beckons However one of us is dead

Those Emerald Isle boys know how to increase their toll.