Cathedrals

The Handsome Family

The Cathedral in Cologne looks like a spaceship Like the hand of God falling from the sky A thousand stone-carved saints hang like icicles But icicles don't take hundred years to die

And everyone who ever worked on this Cathedral Or even spent a moment walking by Everyone of us is swept away like breadcrumbs What comfort does it bring, soaring towers left behind

There's a fiberglass castle in Wisconsin Where kids race go-karts around a moat Once we went up there in December When every water slide and fudge shop was closed

Hoping to feel love under the icicles All we did was drink in an empty bar But stumbling drunk we crawled back to our motel room And I fell against you and felt your beating heart

Snow was slowly falling on the ice machine And the moon shone hazy through the pines But there were lounge chairs thrown into the empty pool And a dog chained to a tree barking at the sky