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Dank and dripping, this industrial cyst
Overflows with too many siltbreeze liars,
They open restaurants and they start fires.
The city aches and the people are pissed
But nobody moves and nothing is fixed.
Everyone pretends and puts up flyers,
As if their band's show will truly inspire.
Arrogance chokes, spreading heavy mist,
And laziness fills the pit like dark water.
It is stifling and putrid, fully without hope.
Watery love and the skull music help to cope,
But I am taking my wife and leaving this town—
We will not stay here to have our daughter.
In Australia we will create a new sound.