

## The nightmare of Persephone (arr. after Maria Farantouri, 1976)

There where pennyroyal and wild mint sprout up  
and Earth grew its first cyclamen  
now villagers bargain cement  
and birds drop dead in the blast furnace.

**Sleep Persephone  
in Earth's hug  
at world's balcony  
never come out again.**

There where the mystics unite their hands  
deferentially before they enter the altar  
now tourists dump their cigarette butts  
and everything to see is the refinery.

### **CHORUS**

There where sea becomes a blessing  
and meadow's wish are bleats  
now lorries carry to shipyards  
empty bodies iron kids and blades.

### **CHORUS**