

Stacked

This coastline mirrors distant Islands
Frenchman's Bay looking Greek to me
These rocks, these stacks
From jack to black
Repeated in Ionian seas

Does Persephone inhabit grotto caves?
Does Cerberus guard the door?
Does Selkie amble onto land?
In shadowed stacks to stand
Are we aware of sirens no more?

Striped, silent chimney
Transient Marsden stack
Life revised through generations
Layering up in sedimentation
Sand, the Marsden coal-dust slack

Sing, sweet acoustic mirror
Play melody to the table rock
Time fashions, cliff-face gurned
School-kids note, a lesson learned
Limestone layers taking stock