## Have you ever asked why, my dear? Ryan Woods

Have you ever asked why, my dear, The bird flies this time of year? Have you ever asked the sun Why it gives off so much light? Have you ever sung the dirges of the night? Did you ever, with the fish, Feel the madness and the terror of the sea? Have you ever perceived Time Or asked what you might be In a hundred years? Does the dark awaken fears? Have you pondered, truly pondered, That man can, in a flash, obliterate A city? What a pity - all this ash! And no one cares; no one wonders How we justify ourselves, How we *really* justify ourselves. Indeed, we all inhabit Our personal hells.