

A Point in Space

Ptolemy, he had us with his circles in the sky
And though they lacked in truth they gave us lines of sight
From which we plotted points on earth to tell us where we stood
And wandered further still to plot our woods and neighbourhoods

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They once were yours but now they're passing down the line

Words from history lessons flutter in my ears
Never liked my history lessons cause it's already gone, you see
I was too young, it was too old, but now I'm further down the road
The Covenanters, Mary, Queen & all the battles told

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Your recent history marks the land you draw
Our people are now thirty-fold but the stories carry on
Your timber to our sandstone
Your river to our web
Your Indy to our union
Your living and our dead

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Emma Pollock

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