

poem for Tsibeotl / stardust going home

your soul flies out
breaks open sky skull fissure
 fault line fontanel
 out of jail after the judging
 out of hospital bed s
you soar over Eagleridge Bluffs
 on wings of birds
 in winds embrace
you find your way to the sky
 our breath alive with warrior songs
 wey he he ah he oh ho ho
inside out of grief
 we comfort you
 imagine this universe
 through the eye glass to capture
 your vision quest
words of Sitting Bull on the run
 your voice splits open
 mind memories
 of ceremonies
 sweatlodge fasting
potlatch outlawed you say
 outlaws burrowing underground
 into dampness of earth
 among the roots
singing opens the throat of birds
 seeds in raven's beak
spilling out into sky and earth
and in the dreaming of moon and stars
 you wrapped up our souls in blankets
 and through the giving
 reminded us
 no apologies
 unrepentant
 singing
 warrior songs
going home

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