## **Acid Bird**

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Sucking on a tap that never dries Could you take it right Between your eyes? Bending blood, bending blood The father stood, the father's hood Black shadow on an acid bird that etched Her way across a field So long ago

Walking through the fields In summer heat Look at all the creatures 'round your feet Pumping blood, pumping blood The mother gave, the mother gave White ointment of an acid kiss that Burned upon the lips she ga ve you So long ago So long ago

Fun in the sun, luck in the bloodstream Shallow bodies writhing on the grass Fun in the sun, hair in the slipstream Tadpoles shooting through A hollowed glass

Cutting out a silhouette of dreams Everything is older than it seems Son of blood, son of blood The baby shakes the baby snakes That crawl across the acid rings that Flicker from your corpusc les One sunny day One sunny day

Fun in the sun, everyone knows it They could be as mellow as the hay Fun in the sun, everyone blows it They grow up and instantly turn grey Black shadow of an acid bird that etched Its way across a field So long ago So long ago