

## Ode to My Thalamus

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The clouds are gathering in the sky above  
I know this one's gonna hurt my love  
Birds are shouting through the Mangrove trees  
They know the difference between a storm and breeze  
I too have felt this once before  
I hear that pounding and it's at my door

Outside it's boiling, but the water is cold  
All signs point to that I'm getting old  
The waves are rising and I take that dive  
To hold a breath is not to be alive  
I felt it then, I feel it now  
I know its coming but I don't know how

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this Helicase of love  
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what were we thinking of  
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I'm constructing but I shouldn't be

My blood is boiling and the callus is hot  
My veins are twisting in a sailor's knot  
My Thalamus is growing down into my tongue  
And all I taste is pain in every kiss and song  
I know this story, and I know it well  
The cracks are showing in my pearly shell

Outside I'm shaking and I feel them chills  
There go both of my Achilles Heels  
I fall down naked waiting for the storm  
My arms are open, waiting to transform  
The birds go flying, I hear them cry  
I know it's coming but I don't know why

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