

As the cold comes to claim up
I take the air and know your pink aroma
And I should haunt your very vestibules
And hover like the smoke over Tecoma

If I could dive my hands
To the roots of your tallest trees

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Never feed from the hand
Never beg, never stand on two feet

I see your memory is starved and smell your history
It doesn't raise an appetite
I haze the rill up with my steam, the fishes scream
The lilies dream my eyes to black

If I could sink my teeth into
The dreams of ordinary people

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Now the fire's come to reap
I've got to raise you from your sleep
And speak the iron in my teeth and will
I have a memory of soul
Of trusted hand, of twining blood

I have my step there at the top of the hill
If I could hitch my hind
To the wagon of sighs you get around with

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