

Snake Hill

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My mother told me, "Son
You got strychnine in your blood
It comes from pedigree ancestry"

She warned me not to leave
Said my conscience was too deep
That when I bite
It would hurt mostly me

For many many years
I stayed up on that hill
Occasionally I'd go down to the edge
Just to see what I could see
So curiosity got the best of me

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To stay up there when there's so much to see
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Soon I hit the world
I discovered that a girl
Was what my mother tried to hide from me

She could make you feel alive
She could make you want to die
And that's exactly what she did to me

And it was only self defense
But I coiled up and I bit
I let my venom run into her veins

And I sat and watched her die
To me
Then I realized

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