

# I Became Awake

## Great Lake Swimmers

I became awake  
From a very dark place, a patchwork of fear, of poorly conceived ideas  
With a blister of water, the mark of working hands  
Ready to catch, or cut  
The senses aligned, the animal urgency, and voices picked up  
Flowing over the static, late, quiet

I became awake  
Fingers are open, eyes they are open, the firing of images, an orchestra of scribbles  
The guts of an engine, the veins of a leaf, light onto paper, exposed  
A filament in a bulb, up above or in the ground  
Together we are magic, together we are dreaming, together we reach endlessly  
The centre of a seed, so full of possibilities

I became awake  
I thought I was sleeping, but I was only forming a structure with no ceiling  
With words like a runway, a cloud of a person drifting away  
I was heavy, but now I am light  
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