

You Have Never Lived Because You Have Never Died

Listener

I saw 13 black crows as black as 3AM
and as big as vultures eyes
with wings hanging to their sides like laundry on the line
they were standing in a circle letting their tongues dry
they're coming for me like thieves or ghosts
stealing songs, and whispering poems to themselves
about nonsense and existence

I don't want to die

I saw 4 black eagles, with horns growing towards the ground
like columns or anchors reaching for the bottom
their feathers folded like hands on a man resting in his coffin
bending over each other rattling my bones
drumming out the answers in ways I will need one day
their hooves are giving me growing pains
I sleep like a tornado

I saw 18 black hawks, with beaks full of teeth
roaring like a pack of wolves in perfect V
with hoods over their eyes to cover up what they've seen
secrets bouncing off the insides of their lips meant for me
they landed on my life like spears, ears tucked back like arrow
feathers
wings spread wide like storm clouds over kansas
hailing on me teaching me their dances, they gave me armour

We will never die, we will never die, I don't want to die, we will never die
we will never die, but we don't want to try, I don't want to die, I won't let you die
we will never die, we won't even try, but if we never die, then
we never really live

I saw 9 black owls, they were quiet as death
they had talons like antlers growing from their hearts
and they were tearing me apart
each bird was tagged like cattle with one word
and they burned them in to my mind...they read
you have never lived because you have never died