## **Pseudo Self**

## **Texas in July**

Rise, rise, high above the skyline Grant me a steady view of the horizon Gusts of vitality, I've felt them in my time Unquenchable fates become intertwined

Mountains and oceans create the separation But we know we are all connected.

Am I a man? Am I a son? Am I a brother to no one? My day now at its end, what am I left with?

Forced open so I can take it all in, Reaping what I sow once again, And now I see with unobstructed vision What am I left with?

Rise, rise and drive this stake into the earth, In attempt to keep your place, there is no use Uprooted from the ground, an ancient connection Desecrated by a mortal man

Now before I feel all alone I must understand my skin and bones This disguise found only in the true moonlight It will be destroyed before my eyes

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My legs become rooted, my muscles grow as foundation for life As the earth supported me, I will hold this weight, strip mysel f to the core And rise.

I will rise.