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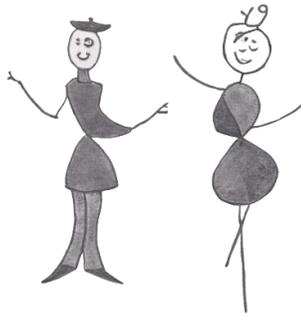
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I

ghost riders in the sky
white horses — dark night
the trumpet sounds—
the sky opens...
there's a crack in the night
a little slice of heaven—
where the day used to be
ghost riders come through—
their horses pushing their way
through clouds and fog—
through blood and tears—
and darkness
just to exalt the ghost riders
in the sky...



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VIII

the evening floats in—
 on dark clouds
and thunderstorms
 when no one's looking—
the darkness creeps in
 and the sun sets in silence
there's no announcement
no trumpet sounds—
 the sun just disappears
out of sight — out of mind—
 fades away—in the night—
and i feel safe in your arms...



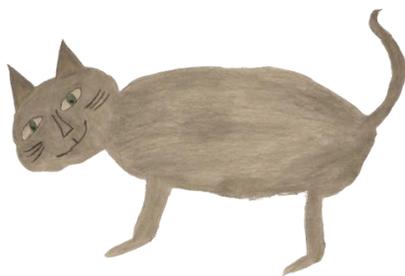
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IX

there's a piece missing
from the night—
a star without
its light—
ghost riders in the sky
ghost riders passing by—
ghost riders breaking through
on lsd—
on moonbeams and tragedy—



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X

i met a man — upon the street
 who thought himself—
a brilliant mind
 he said, "it's always nice—
to meet the lesser forms—
 of mankind..."



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XVIII

darkness envelops
everything...
a vacuum sucking—

the inner
from
the outer

with enough space
for infinite
black holes to
swallow—

—entire worlds
out of existence—



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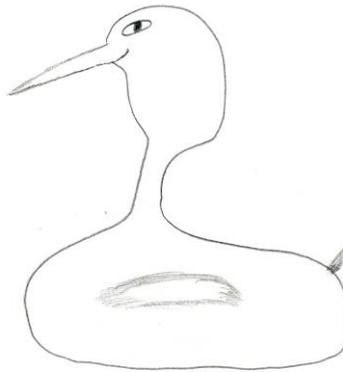
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XIX

the moon winks
 in the sky—
the stars fall
 and you make
a wish—

but stars
 once fallen
never return

to their place
 in the night sky—



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XXX

someday i'll find you
when the lights have gone out
standing in the dark
behind a mirror—
looking back at me—
as if you were my reflection
as if i were you
standing in front of a mirror
our eyes locked
on each other—
holding on tight
to the memories
we refuse to let go
wandering around in the dark
with no meaning
to anyone
or any two but us—



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