

Extremophiles (B)

Allegaeon

I am exposed to elements known
To, in excess, destroy and dethrone
Total envelopment of
The system, resistant, suspended as stone

From mountain heights to oceans of ice
Searing heat to arctic freeze, replacement of hydration is
Essential to life and so I thrive
Disordered proteins crystallize, converted cells now vitrified

Superimposed on top of my own
Regeneration, a genetic restructuring not ever seen
Before. I stand alone
A monument to obstinate adaptation
Cryptobiotic response

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Dueling shadows of mystery gone
Congruent solutions, set the stage
A glimpse of what's to come
Will we decide? Be rid of this blight
Fear of death, sorrow, disease, escape or face the weakening
Our fading timeline to face genocide
A fronte praecipitium a tergo lupi
Repair our structure or die

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Encroaching our own hopelessness
We drift away toward

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Fate calls, do we answer or not?
Chance to learn from life smaller yet
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