

# When I Was Done Dying

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When I was done dying, my conscience regained  
So I began my struggle, a nothingness strained  
Out a flash made of time, my new form blasted out  
And it startled me so and I burst out a shout

At which my legs ran frantic like birds from a nest  
And I ran until drained leaving no choice but rest  
So I fell asleep softly at the edge of a cave  
But I should have gone deeper, but I'm not so brave

And like that I was torn out and thrown in the sky  
And I said all my prayers because surely I'll die  
As I crashed down and smashed into Earth, into dirt  
How my skin did explode leaving only my shirt

But from shirt grew a tree and then tree grew a fruit  
And I became the seed and that seed was a brute  
And I clawed through the ground with my roots and my leaves  
And I tore up the shirt and I ate up the sleeves

And they laughed out at me and said "what is your plan?"  
But their question was foreign I could not understand  
When then suddenly I'm ripped up and placed into a mouth  
And it swallowed me down at which time I head south, so I said

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Well I woke up to see them, these two mighty steeds  
With their mouths grinning wildly expressing my needs  
As they stood there above me, being flanked on each side  
I felt no need to fear them, no reason to hide

So I reached up to touch, but they faded too soon  
Yet, their mouths still remained and stacked up towards the moon  
How that ladder of mouth waved so soft in the night  
And I looked up in awe at that beautiful sight

And I dreamt about climbing into the night sky  
But I knew had I touched them they'd mouth back 'bye bye'

So I got up and walked down the path in the dark  
And there, deep in the distance, my eye caught a spark

Of a crab twice my size with incredible strength  
Oh, it greeted me kindly and then we all drank  
And we drooled out together right onto the ground  
And the ocean grew quickly right up all around

And the Earth looked at me and said "wasn't that fun?"  
And I replied "I'm sorry if I hurt anyone"  
And without even thinking cast me into space  
But before she did that she wiped off my own face

She said better luck next time don't worry so much  
Without ears I couldn't hear I could just feel the touch  
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