

# Shadows on the Wind

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In my dreams of late, I seem another  
Someone I have never been  
All around me are the shapes  
of shadows on the wind  
Here's the ghost of what my mother wanted  
and the shade of father's dreams  
They are gone, and still I'm haunted  
by restless go-betweens  
Fatherless, motherless,  
yesterday's child begins  
life alone, missing home  
Orphaned by time, I spin  
like shadows on the wind  
In my dreams of late, I am a vagrant  
and I've never known a past  
All the memories I have  
are shadows on the glass  
What I see of me is unfamiliar  
like some pearl without a shell  
and the stranger in the mirror  
someone I once knew well  
Fatherless, motherless,  
yesterday's child begins  
life alone, missing home  
Orphaned by time, I spin  
like shadows on the wind  
When I dream of love, I dream my mother  
anchored to the shifting sands  
When I dream of strength  
I dream my father's hands  
In my dreams of late are signs and wonders  
on the faces I have worn  
I can hear the distant thunder  
of shadows being born  
Fatherless, motherless,  
yesterday's child begins  
life alone, missing home  
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