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animal that is me
needs more dimension
than civilization
unfree
in the mass confusion
lion
of the arid uplands
redhawk
over brindled woodlands
wingpaint
and the mythic
pawprints
not meant
to be bat or mole

mine is the beast
tensing
in the twilight
silent
as the breath behind you
powerful
like rolling thunder
birthright
of a native
singer
long flight
of a spirit
drum

mine is the dream
that haunts wild mountains
mine is the dancelife
of winds and shadows
silent
as the breath behind you
powerful
like the voice
of thunder

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