Bonnie Pink "The Origin of Love"

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When the earth was still flat,
And the clouds made of fire,
And mountains stretched up to the sky,
Sometimes higher, Folks roamed the earth
Like big rolling kegs.
They had two sets of arms.
They had two sets of legs.
They had two faces peering
Out of one giant head
So they could watch all around them
As they talked; while they read.
And they never knew nothing of love.
It was before the origin of love.

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And there were three sexes then.
One that looked like two men
Glued up back to back,
Called the children of the sun.
And similar in shape and girth
Were the children of the earth.
They looked like two girls Rolled up in one.
And the children of the moon
Were like a fork stuck on a spoon.
They were part sun, part earth
Part daughter, part son.

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Now the gods grew quite scared
Of our strength and defiance And Thor said,
"I'm gonna kill them all With my hammer
Like I killed the giants."
And Zeus said "No, You better let me
Use my lightning, like scissors,
Like I cut the legs off the whales
And dinosaurs into lizards."
And then he grabbed up some bolts
And he let out a laugh,
Said "I'll split them right down the middle.

Gonna cut them right up in half." And then storm clouds gathered above Into great balls of fire And then fire shot down From the sky in bolts Like shining blades Of a knife. And it ripped Right through the flesh Of the children of the sun And the moon And the earth. And some Indian god Sewed the wound up into a hole, Pulled it round to our belly To remind us of the price we pay. And Osiris and the gods of the Nile Gathered up a big storm To blow a hurricane, To scatter us away, In a flood of wind and rain, And a sea of tidal waves, To wash us all away, And if we don't behave They'll cut us down again And we'll be hopping round on one foot And looking through one eye.

Last time I saw you We had just split in two. He was looking at me. I was looking at you. You had a way so familiar, But I could not recognize, Cause you had blood on your face; I had blood in my eyes. But I could swear by your expression That the pain down in your soul Was the same as the one down in mine. That's the pain, Cuts a straight line down through the heart; We called it love. So we wrapped our arms around each other, Tried to shove ourselves back together. We were making love, Making love It was a cold dark evening, Such a long time ago, when by the mighty hand of Jove, It was the sad story How we became Lonely two-legged creatures. It's the story of The origin of love. That's the origin of love.

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