

## Bruce Cockburn

### "Badlands Flashback"

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the body stoops,  
the hand goes out,  
picks up from the gravel  
a fragment of white seashell

for a moment  
a roaring;  
the ancient sea  
fills the space that just now was mine

moving diamond-shapes,  
grasses flowing;  
the sudden cry of a bird  
blazes all along the sky!

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a herd of antelope  
crosses the horizon  
hooves scintillating like glass.

a laugh rings like crystal  
in the empty sky --  
someone is dancing like a flame!

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