

## Posies

# "Burn And Shine"

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burn and shine, son  
and keep your spirit clean  
for this is not a dress rehearsal  
Junior Phoenix  
with your ash-filled eyes  
who will harbor your misfortune  
your mother says, your father says  
he does not want to tell you  
as if he didn't know you  
behind the lighthouse  
there's still the hole you made  
better fill it in or it will get you  
so talcum powder  
is now your closest friend  
smooth and white and ordinary  
your father says, your mother says  
she does not want to tell you  
as if she didn't know you  
and in the dream everyone is holding hands  
in a circle and you heal  
do you remember  
the taste of pemmican  
then say hello to Hiawatha  
and she's still frowning  
at your puffy face  
overweight and barely breathing  
no one ever said a word  
they did not want to tell you  
as if they didn't know you  
as if they didn't know you  
as if they didn't know you  
burn and shine  
you burn and shine ...

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