

## The Mountain Goats

### "Cobra Tattoo"

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Sun just clearing the tree line when my day begins

Slippery ice on the bridges, Northeastern wind coming  
in

You will bruise my head, I will strike your heel

Drive past woods of northern pine, try not to let go of  
the wheel

Dream at night, girl with the cobra tattoo

on her arm, its head flaring out like a parachute

Prisms in the dewdrops in the underbrush

skate case sailors' purses floating down in the black  
needle rush

Higher than the stars I will set my throne

God does not need Abraham, God can raise children  
from stones

Dream at night, girl with the cobra tattoo

And try to hear the garbled transmissions coming  
through

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