## **Submission Hold** "Body Building"

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Boiled down to bleached white bones and fused

Sticks and stones for breakfast again

Because we're building a body

From the ground up

We're building a body of work

Stripped of mortal coils of flesh unleashed

The meat is off the bone

And the tools we use are sticks and stones

We want more than dirt and worms

Stuck here while the world turns

Rise up

The world turns

Rise up

The world turns

From darkness into light

From stillness into flight

Touched through skin

United by blood

Connected by nerve

And the skeletal remains

Where do they hide the venom and bile?

Haven't had stomachs for a long, long while.

We want more than dirt and worms

Bone stiff while the Earth turns

Without this structure

Of script and lyric

Of smoke and mirrors

And contracts unsigned

And contact unkind

Our empty battle a collapsed fiction

War, and I can't see the enemy

Because the enemy is me

And death always wins

Bone against bone

Ground down

And from the ground up

Building a body

Building a body of work

Building a body of work

Morning, noon and night

From stillness into flight

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