

Totem Song

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Will you leave me, you, the one?
You who tore down my faces and found
The totem, deep inside- The many-headed snake?
In India, he bound the heaven and earth,
And built the fire upon the sea,
For his master, his love,
Like your love that brought my high brow down
To your sweet woody earth, and I drank
The sweet waters of those rivers.
You the one, who I turned to when I feared,
When I love, when I saw the crimson fire lash out
To lay me down, out of my past to haunt me deep into the waters
We had bridges; but together, we swam like two dolphins under the
ocean,
Fearing no sharks, all laid bare to our senses,
Each other to our sensitivities.
And I breathed into you as you breathed into me,
All the breath we shared was all the breath,
Finite in molecules. Us.

