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American Dream

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Drum Talk

On Dakota reservation in awe of strange land formations
 we stop at store to even stranger glances
 playing bongos to the passing sky
 Car of young Native American men giving life to dust clouds
 Eyes mistrustful and wary
 Drums boom "I am the liberator of spirit, through me
 brethren and I in the name of our father, Holy Music, shall we
 change the face of creation."
 The tanned boys on the verge of manhood
 weigh the answer with the music they hear
 The silence of dust settles to the ground
 With a flash light returning to their eyes
 with a sign of peace they leave
 us dancing clouds of brown dust mirroring creations start
 and the vision of rolling hill freedom wandering
 Following star and sun looking for food or vision
 in the name of the one music which is
 whispered by the river of waves unseen
 And a three-legged dog tells us
 no matter the difficulties or tribulations
 we shall overcome and walk the road again
 Cactus holding precious fluid of life deep within
 throughout the fruitless months of dry bone
 cracked earth sun glare

-Joshua Williams



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