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# I KNOW HOMEBOY

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I saw homeboy stomping the red Earth last night  
stalking the shadows of corners,  
shattering glass with  
his baseball bat stare.

and I saw homeboy pounce on children of the Aztecs  
hungry for his own flesh  
set ablaze his own hood  
    then his own corpse  
    his own family  
    and the ashes after.

he was laughing at the frowns so hard last night he began to growl  
like an incinerator

waking up the morning after, pulsing,  
his fists clenched still.

so he took the sky next, ripping the corners off like a lazy curtain  
laying with the breeze,  
chopped the palm trees that scratch the clouds.  
the looming mountains didn't stand a chance.

he swerves violently, a vengeful field of rye  
here the children play and die as  
his skin has turns steel, the heart  
cannot feel the  
heartbeat run the blood  
warm like a palm's caress.

I saw homeboy

running with the children's laughter before  
his metamorphosis into the master's machine

so

I understand him, tilting a 40oz. down his throat  
like it's Vaporub  
to numb,  
the brown gulp,  
swallowing metal blood,  
feeling  
calm  
inside the  
drunken  
drifting  
ocean  
inside him.