

## THE GRAND TETONS

i have seen the roof of america

great spires of stone  
the craggy teeth that scrape the sky  
from the valley floor to the top of the country  
is a diamond cut more brilliant?

the stunning spine of rock and snow  
outshines all around it  
how patient these buddhas must be  
to gain thier current enlightenment

waiting for a million years to bee seen  
by the mountain men and fur trappers  
they loom over all, sovereign masters of their domain  
and the silence is a dream that doesnt fade

mountain peaks that touch the sun also touch the soul

when all is gone and blown like dust  
the tetons will remain

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