

enter cave of east wind  
where shadows consume remorse  
solstice flames flicker  
and the pictograph hunt  
springs to life.

Honor the stout heart  
the limbs <sup>and</sup> sinews  
that provided a good hunt:  
'Your heart is my heart  
your blood is my blood,  
your flesh will ~~feed~~ nourish  
a proud people,  
your spirit ~~is~~ provides strength  
My for our clan.'

The prayer is red,  
the blood red of  
the setting sun.  
rising

Other shadows flicker in this  
cave  
of my own birth  
under a gold suburban sun.

NE = Red = Birth = Spring  
SE = Yellow = Youth = Summer  
SW = Black = Adult = Fall  
NW = White = Old Age =  
Winter

### Tibetan prayer flags

- Blue
- Gold
- Cream
- Green

Cheyenne -  
turtle, et al?

### Prayer streamers

Some shadows are vague,  
diffuse at the edges,  
almost forgotten.

Others still are haunted  
and seem to dog my steps.

II.

Southeast wind sails from  
the Gulf of Mexico  
brings fresh rain from  
to the ancient hills.

From this sacred mountain  
I see the white buffalo  
dance

I see the enemy run  
in confusion

I see our people gathered  
in peace

I offer thanks to the sky  
to the clouds and the sun.

The yellow ~~of~~ morning sun.

I ~~plan~~ drive a stake

in the side of the hill  
~~I drive the stake on the~~  
~~s e side~~

• I cut a lock of my hair  
and tie it ~~to~~ the  
stake with a  
golden streamer

The stake is on the s e  
side of the hill,  
to greet the morning,  
but the wind delivers  
my prayer to the NW  
where the ancestors  
live.

Grocery List

- Shrimp 1
- Plums 10
- Pop tarts 2
- Broiled chicken dinner 3
- Frozen pinyas and 5
- a six of O'Soules Amber Beer. 8

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