

Roads to Despair

by Wayne Murray, combat veteran

The Roads to Despair are many
 Seek knowing first
 Then comes the freedom from the rain
 From knowing comes wealth
 Billions of brain cells bring the certainty of accomplishment.

there is a level of rage
 stuffed deep
 inside dna
 hidden between
 molecules
 formed like lava
 from generations
 of unaddressed
 oppression and violence
 the voices of all that i am
 and all that i ever will be
 are relentless
 pulsing out with each heart's beat
 they have spent the whole of this lifetime
 forgiving the unforgivable
 pressed tightly back
 behind
 pacifying smiles
 and tomorrows sun...
 and honestly i fear

perspectives

by jmcCurdy

the time i ever let it see
 the light of day
 for the damage it would do
 because after all there are things
 that can't be unsaid
 or become undone
 then it occurs to me
 like a wayward child
 that if this is the way i feel
 deep in the marrow
 of my oh so temporary bones
 imagine
 just for a moment
 how our mother, the earth
 feels when after centuries
 of raping and torturing her
 we come and sullenly
 suck at her tit



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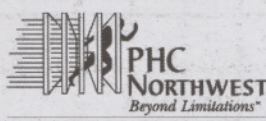
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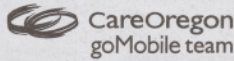
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