The Black Bird, the Dark Slope

Los Campesinos!

The black bird sits atop my guts

And spreads its wings for flight

My shoulders back

My jaw pushed out

My stomach sucked in

Its wingtips push across my lungs

And fill them full of feathers

But the brushstrokes feel like

Hearthpokes into my skin. The black bird feasts upon my guts

And bears its beak to fight

My shoulders back

My jaw pushed out

My stomach sucked in

Its wingtips push across my lungs

And fill them full of feathers

Now they poke between my teeth

And that's why I thirstWhen he flies me to the top

There's nothing but the fog

A heart of stone

Eggshells for bones

They lead you to be lostThe dark slope drags you down

The black bird is a part of me

(The dark slope drags you down)

A part of me, so sad to see

(The dark slope drags you down)

The black bird is a part of me, so sad

(The dark slope drags you down)

To see, so sadI ask before I go

For you to drop a lit match down my throat

And smoke the bastard out

Or burn him to a crisp

'Cause I'm already carrion

Been eaten from the inside too long

This black bird wants to rip me

Limb from limb

The black bird dips its beak

In blood and writes its thoughts in cursive 'Cross the bones that are its jailer And my ribcage And when you turn me inside out Believe in me, without a doubt The words were all of his And none of mineWhen he flies me to the top

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