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Paleo Warrior at Blackwater Draw

Near the cold blank stare of an empty cave
he crouches, waits for a seam in the clouds
of a sensuous line of thunderstorms
as lightning fractures the face of ice fields.

Letting the dark labored miles of his mind
unfold before shadows of nine-foot wings,
he summons blooded faith in stone spearheads
—smooth as grinding stones, or a mother's touch.

He thinks the hunt and his tribe unfading,
his fists like condors leaping into the wind.

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