

REINCARNATION

(not a song)

"WHAT DOES REINCARNATION MEAN?", A COWPOKE ASKED HIS FRIEND
HIS PAL REPLIED, "IT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR LIFE HAS REACHED ITS END.
THEY COMB YOUR HAIR, AND WASH YOUR NECK, AND CLEAN YOUR FINGERNAILS;
LAY YOU IN A PADDED BOX, AWAY FROM LIFE'S TRAVAILS.
THE BOX, AND YOU, GOES IN A HOLE THAT'S BEEN DUG IN THE GROUND
AND REINCARNATION STARTS IN WHEN YOU'RE PLANTED 'NEATH THE MOUND.
THEM CLOUDS MELT DOWN JUST LIKE YOUR BOX AND YOU WHO IS INSIDE
AND THEN YOU'RE JUST BEGINNIN' ON YOUR TRANSFORMATION RIDE.
IN AWHILE THE GRASS WILL GROW UPON YOUR RENDERED MOUND
'TIL SOME DAY ON YOUR MOULDERED GRAVE AN ONLY FLOWER IS FOUND.
AND SAY A HOSS SHOULD WANDER BY AND GRAZE UPON THIS FLOWER
THAT ONCE WAS YOU AND NOW HAS BECOME YOUR VEGETATIVE BOWER,
OR THE POSIE THAT THE HOSS DONE ET UP WITH HIS OTHER FEED
MAKES BONE AND FAT AND MUSCLE ESSENTIAL TO THE STEED.
BUT SOME IS LEFT THAT HE CAN'T USE, AND SO IT PASSES THROUGH
AND FINALLY LAYS UPON THE GROUND, THIS THING THAT ONCE WAS YOU.
THEN SAY BY CHANCE I WANDERS BY AND SEES THIS ON THE GROUND
AND I PONDER AND I WONDERS AT THIS OBJECT THAT I FOUND
I THINKS OF REINCARNATION, OF LIFE, AND DEATH, AND SUCH
AND I COME AWAY CONCLUDIN', MAN; YOU AIN'T CHANGED ALL THAT MUCH.

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