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He spoke to black eyed children  
With old women's words  
And wrapped his forms in the ancient language  
Learned in the sacred circle  
Of his grandfathers

Long ago in the place  
Of the beautiful black spider  
He turned his skin inside out  
And gnawed hot red meat  
From his bones

Yesterday an echo of his voice  
Called to me  
Out of a different time  
Where dust and shadows on hard ground  
Dim his footprints

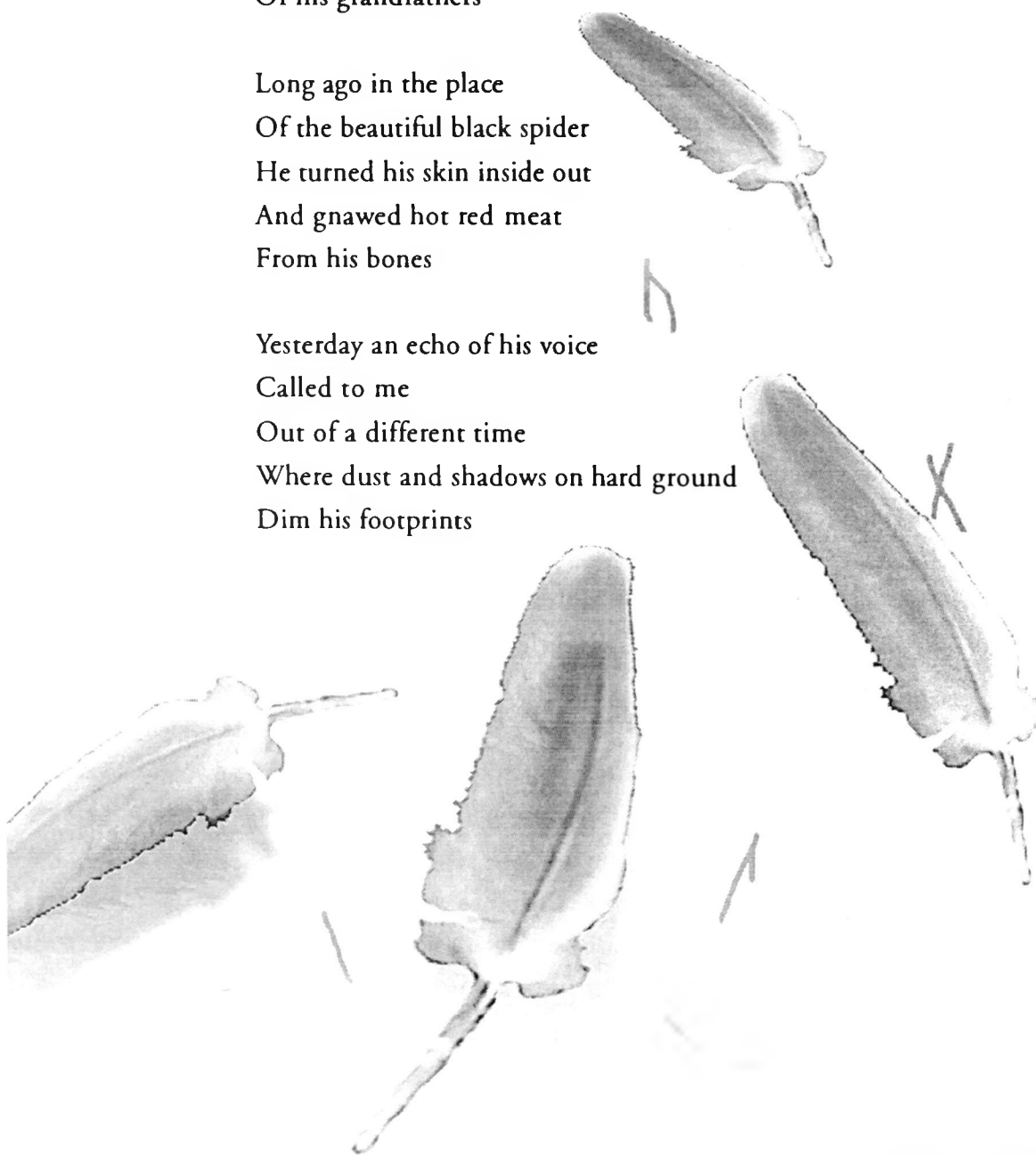


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