

No one thought you could live this long
They said your mother smoked
On one thinks that you can think
You are so very slow
We all know that you can't talk
But you stared for a while
At a piece from the paper yesterday

See the reptile cross the road
Somewhere in Flordia
Traffic stops the cops get out
In awe of the predator
The thing that chills the blood the most
Is the way it doesn't care

As I watched you watch this scene
I saw your eyes turn to green
And a smile crossed your face
For the first time

I've seen bones that are very old
Older than you or me
Some that walked so long ago
Still walk around today
Though you're young and you'll never talk
I think you understand
The ties that bind, the blood that flows
Still hold us in their sway
And you will never be alone

The salt in your eye is the salt in the sea
The grist in your bones is the dust and the dirt
You scratched your skin but it didn't seem to hurt
You fell asleep to unknown violent dreams
And you will never be alone
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