

# Extremophiles

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I am exposed to elements known  
to, in excess, destroy and dethrone  
Total envelopment of  
the system, resistant suspended as stone

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searing heat to arctic freeze, replacement of hydration is  
essential to life and so I thrive  
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Superimposed on top of my own  
regeneration, a genetic restructuring not ever seen  
before. I stand alone;  
a monument to obstructed adaptation,  
cryptobiotic response

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Dueling shadows of mystery gone  
congruent solutions, set the stage  
a glimpse of what's to come

Will we decide, be rid of this blight  
fear of death, sorrow, disease... escape or face the weakening  
our fading timeline to face genocide  
A fronte praecipitium a tergo lupi  
repair our structure or die

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Encroaching our own hopelessness  
We drift away toward...

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