## **Long Black Line**

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I've never seen a granite bridge this high leaning on the ocean side Crushing snow in the salty fog I'm walking on the long black lineI'll never swim in those quiet crashing waves or steal another rain washed kiss or surf the swirling notes around my half done songs So far above the ocean mistMy alter ego flies and swoops down toward the coastline to splash the crest where tidal waves collide But smashing on the rocks, I watch my ego die in terror My spirit walks the long black lineI stomp on rocks and scuff this muddy trail Try to kick these spinning thought I've known Like how we never bought that rolling hill Or built your dream chalet of stone Like a last thought, a stone rolls away Catches ten more down the cliff they wind Cycloning clay avalanches me downward Demolishing the long black line

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