San Jacinto

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Thick cloud - steam rising - hissing stone on sweat lodge fire Around me - buffalo robe - sage in bundle - run on skin Outside - cold air - stand, wait for rising sun Red paint - eagle feathers - coyote calling - it has begun Something moving in - I taste it in my mouth and in my heart It feels like dying - slow - letting go of lifeHeya Wambdetanka! (Arise Big Eagle!) [1] Medicine man lead me up though town - Indian ground - so far down Cut up land - each house - a pool - kids wearing water wings - drink in cool Follow dry river bed - watch Scout and Guides make pow-wow signs Past Geronimo's disco - Sit 'n' Bull steakhouse - white men dream A rattle in the old man's sack - look at mountain top - keep climbing up Way above us the desert snow - white wind blow I hold the line - the line of strength that pulls me through the fear San Jacinto - I hold the line San Jacinto - the poison bite and darkness take my sight - I hold the line And the tears roll down my swollen cheek - think I'm losing it - getting weaker I hold the line - I hold the line San Jacinto - yellow eagle flies down from the sun - from the sun We will walk - on the land We will breathe - of the air We will drink - from the stream We will live - hold the line

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