

# Broken Hope, Internal Twin

Inside my fertile mother, the egg fertilized  
And from one egg, two individuals originated  
A pair of identical twins began to grow  
But in an unnatural quirk the embryos fused  
And I absorbed my embryonical sibling into me  
From my earliest fetal stages into adulthood  
His displaced cells grew as I did  
We matured together in the oddest ways  
Together as one we were born to be  
I grew up as a freak, a walking monstrosity  
A living abnormality for scientific study  
Tumorous growths on and in my body cause me pain  
Of dermoid origins, these tumors are pieces of my brother  
These teratomas sprout across my body  
As my fragmented sibling develops from my torsos  
My brother lives within  
Inside lays the internal twin  
My stomach contains rows of his teeth  
Molars and incisors grow from the organ walls  
And scalp hair clumps from external teratocarcinomas

His bulbous eyeballs protrude from my right temple and ear  
They twitch inside misshapen sockets  
Sightless they roll and gaze into black  
A toothless cartilage mouth opens from my chest  
Its rubbery spasms will never speak a word  
And his retarded raging thoughts I hear  
He bellows and cries inside of my skull  
His berserk, confused substratum shrieks drive me mad  
His underdeveloped brain grows from mine  
And his retarded raging thoughts I hear  
He bellows and cries inside of my skull  
Always he has shared my vital organs  
My heart, my lungs, and pulsing blood  
Since birth his survival has depended on me  
His nurturing has me to thank  
I am sorry brother I can no longer live like this  
It is time to finally set you free  
Subconscious echoes as my twin horrifically scrams  
The surgeons' scalpels cut him out piece by piece