## The Banner, Rattlesnakes

i check my hand, it's shredded and bleeding from holding broken glass punching echoes in the face can't see you, eyes covered, not looking your ice blue eyes pierce like lightning through the space thirteen arrows tear tunnels right through me my fingers stuff the holes but the bleeding it persists check my mirror its cracking distorted my vision could be questioned but the visage no doubt mine and now i'm teasing with these rattlesnakes i'm kissing cobras on the head i roll the dice despite my past mistakes only the lucky end up dead i'll face the pain but the pain ain't mine i shouldn't walk this late at night asking for trouble when i climbed that fence i'm out of my mind - shes out of sight hey mom i'm going out tonight so put my calls on hold now joey no fights tonight, i'd bet shed wish i was hey mom i'm going out tonight so tell em' i'm not home now joey no trouble tonight, how does she always know.