## Broken Hope, The 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 teratocarinomas 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