## MD.45, The Creed

From the dust of which I came
To dust I return again
From my mother I am torn
With my brothers off the war
We escape before the dawn
Try to outrun the sun
Take my own life in my hands
Fearing God but never man

Take my ancient hand, look me in the eye Looking past the lines soon you'll see as I You are young if you want you could be old if you try I can show you how to live but you can't show me how to die

As the sun stalks the sky
I am not afraid to die
My ear upon the ground
For the ironhorse's sound
Encircle glowing rocks
One by one each chieftain talks
Tales of yore and bravest deeds
Coveting their warrior creed

My hands will bridge the distance of beginning to the end The time for learning ceases it was all wasted and spent From witch doctor to shaman, Kachina doll to chief The spirit knows what ails you, you beg for its relief All that I know, all that I say, my heart beats and my pulse drums Out tribal rhythms pounding through the sky