



Cuviví

Él nació con el canto de los pájaros suicidas
Por eso silba sin miedo al pie de la quebrada.
Sabe que lleva en su pecho un cuviví dormido
Y llora en silencio para no despertarlo.

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Cuvivi

He was born with the song of the suicide birds
Because of that he fearlessly whistles
at the edge of the gorge.
He knows he's carrying
a sleeping *cuvivi* in his heart
and weeps in silence so as not to awaken it.

*translated from the Spanish
by Jack Hirschman*

*The Cuvivi is a bird that migrates to the Ecuadorian cold region and in September throws itself into the Ozogoché lagoon at Alausi, where it drowns.
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