I have traced and connected the track marks

On my mothers heart, projected on her arms

And fell in the eyes of my child's laughter,

I have witnessed birth and death and they

Both sang a sweet lullaby to me.

I recorded a woman cry for sovereignty over her body

And filled my arms with a man as his life emptied

Heard words hiss past my ear

Severing a boys life line, watched as he was buried:

Failure to thrive.

I have exasperated the contingencies marred on my dreams

Dreaming about that time and that place,

In between now and when.

When we all wake up

When that man and this woman can see beyond the pains of being victims and peer into blessed life

sun

kissed

When our bodies are no longer Franken-cunt

Or plowed seedlings to rise up against us.

When the sun wont set on a bloodied earth.

When our children can go to school and pledge allegiance to their dreams

And not a flag.

When our minds steady

When we finally understand our own divinity and resist hate

When tomorrow and today stop looking the same

And obedience to apathy is no longer our national anthem

When the Klan and homeland security reveal them selves

To be father and son.

When we accept our divinity then can we receive all our beauty...

Believe we are all sun-kissed, fill your mouth with clouds

Baptize yourself in the rain while standing on local street corners,

Listen to the hymns the traffic sings to you...

Rebecca Gonzales

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO OUR HUMANITY

AND ALL LIVING CREATURES NECESSITY TO AUTONOMY

AND TO THE SLAVE OWNERS... I MEAN STOCK HOLDERS

WE KNOW WHERE YOU STAND.

KNOW THAT ALL NATIONS ARE PEOPLE NOT POSSESSIONS DESERVING

OF DIGNITY LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

