

All Empires Fall

Gaze deeply enough and you'll find solace
For the justice of nature crawls at a glacial pace
But make no mistake, *it exists*
When the tractor was constructed
Shoreline was under apartheid
And its durability was unquestioned
Now it's no longer in working order
Immersed in a swamp, impaled by timber
Barring intervention, it'll be there forever
Despite the close proximity of a golf course:
An aspect of elitist indulgence
This *still* became a victim of obsolescence
So on the outskirts of Seattle
Here lies a textbook example
Of how attempts at immortality are *at best* a gamble
Such are the life lessons
That can be found even in Shoreline's woodlands
All empires fall – there are *no* exceptions ...