



Sambhogakaya Cowboy

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it begins with love
and ends with love

Pan comes to Colorado

but in between there's
a black horse without a rider

a black dog without a bark
a black tree without bark

Pan comes to Colorado

a radiant goatman
naked and unashamed

a gunslinger-progenitor
with a double-barreled flute

Pan comes to Colorado

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a heart bowed
to eradicate hells

if I don't help, who will?
sings Kshitigarbha

plunging into black chaos
road warrior of the byways

holding a lotus
and a wish-fulfilling tree

into the Lion's mouth

into the unknown— he knows

if it's green with whiskers
it's probably a Leprechaun

if it's soft and steamy
it's probably a cowpie

protector of the bent
matrix of the world

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what do I know?
nothing that is known
everything unknown

how hummingbirds fly
where your birthday falls
in the digits of p

I put all the right notes
in the wrong places
all the wrong notes

in the right places
working beyond movement
a flesh flavor

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angels riding turtles
angels flying kites
angels necking in the park

our forgiving hearts
send a secret mantra

lady at the county office
takes my application although
my registration is invalid

ups man's clipboard buzzes
says he has a problem meditating
boxes backed up Pagosa to Omega

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O Sambhogakaya cowboy
Reign in your mine

There's rain in your mind
Don't shy—relax, let it fall

You built it
Now, it's gone

It's alright—
So bright, the tears

Head'um up
Herd'um out

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1-800-Buddhas
you have reached the offices
of Guru, Dharma & Sangha
this is a recorded message
if you have a touch-tone phone
press the appropriate button

having pure intention
and you want to take refuge
press 1 for Hinayana
press 2 for Mahayana
press 3 for Mantrayana
press 4 for Dzogchen

if you miss part of the transmission
it will repeat itself upon completion
if you have any questions
press the # key, and a Bodhisattva
will come on the line to assist you

for those with desire-attachment

or guests of karmic payments
we suggest dialing our new number
1-900-Distract

press 1 for a crazy wisdom bitch
press 2 for yidams in leather
press 3 for assorted hindrances
press 4 to be listened to attentively

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Sky in my mind
Sky in my voice
Sky in my heart

Walking the path
We make funny sounds
In the serious stillness

Much laughter
Much joy
Pervasive and empty

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84000 passions give rise
to flowers rivers mountains

this one, this one
and this one—
all one

a mandala of sunlight
a goddess with golden hands

and a rainbow heart

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appearing in a rainbow sphere
dancing with bell and drum

she feeds her demons
and dissolves duality

white feast
red feast
black feast

nectar for Sa ningpo
a carrot for Cosmo
pus for the hungry ghosts

essence of the elements
conquest over fear and hope

there's no anger in the moon
nor joy

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a note from the Trujillo Kid

I cherish sunrises
and the sound of Chöd
ringing through the hills

I cherish the children
the rainbows
and all we were

I reply

you are the elements
the journey how it is
the wings of presence

you fly off
and the path has
fewer rainbows

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riding Cosmo on the track
another loop of the mandala

up Tit Mountain
down Dragonback

a windhorse has three gates

fast, faster and overdrive

I've got my cell phone
in case she calls from Kehei

know she's asleep
a crescent moon above her head

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sun's bliss
morning kiss

rise up
mandala face

the world is still
hip and happenin'

O Mandhara
you've left

an arrow
in my heart

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reign in your mind
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