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Find that rhythm older than the blushing sky,
Which drives you forward as the end seems nigh,
Through fields of thorn and rubble high,
It's that pum pum pum keeping you alive

Find that rhythm when the songbird cries
For all her chicks gone out to fly,
A prayer to send them safe and dry,
It's that tit tit tit setting them to thrive

Find that rhythm brought by the tide,
Where cherubs push without their guise
To seek what humanity tries to hide,
It's that tap tap tap lacking all surprise

Find that rhythm where the old buck lies
With simple cause to his demise
The Watcher paces, pins, and bites,
It's that dun dun dun before he dies

Find that rhythm down low inside
That stirs when you wake and grows as you rise,
The source of your vigor, potential, and pride
It's that thump thump thump, the eternal prize