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Rise

The skin stretched

And the hoary bones reached and craned to break through.

Fall

The skin loosened

And the bones tucked themselves back into the depths of the cavity.

Rise

Lips moist and slightly parted
Stuttering with the weight of breath.

Fall

The lips trembled
The chin quivered as the air pattered back out.

Rise

The air slowly brought life
The burden became too heavy to carry.

Fall

The last whisper trembled through the opening,
The bones tucked themselves away,
The body became still.
And the burden was lifted.

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