

*Mescalito Mesa, AZ  
July 22, 2007*

## **NO DEATH TODAY**

Sun trails plant futures  
In the late afternoon

Antelopes bounce & spin  
Collapse on each other  
Then kick up again  
In lazy chases

Rabbits scurry & wait  
Stretch their legs  
& bathe

One old coyote laments  
The passing of sharp  
Into blunt  
Or missing teeth

Vultures arc in the fading light  
Feasting best on the dead  
The valley floor on this day  
Has been too lively

Nothing has stopped hopping  
Climbing  
Or crawling  
Or singing

Evening buzzes  
Moon spreads  
Women whisper

*No death today  
Maybe tomorrow  
Will bring more food.*