

Cranehand Song

Rising high
Komatsu
Kirow
Liebherr
PaceCo

their steely strains
over gritty work zones

ring sweetly for
workers gloved in grease,
each crane voice

forged metal and cable,
tempered and lubed,
dipping, ascending,

amplifying the labor
of souls who strive
for a taste of permanence

beneath the overlord sun,
encroaching darkness
and the pallid moon

reaching low
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