

# Cursed Be Iron

## Turisas

Curses on thee, cruel iron  
Curses on the steel thou givest  
Curses on thee, tongue of evil  
Cursed be thy life forever! Once thou wert of little value  
Having neither form nor beauty  
Neither strength nor great importance  
When in form of milk thou rested  
When for ages thou wert hidden  
In the breasts of gods' three daughters  
Hidden in their heaving bosoms  
On the borders of the cloudlets  
In the blue vault of the heavens Thou wert once of little value  
Having neither form nor beauty  
Neither strength nor great importance  
When like water thou wert resting  
On the broad back of the marshes  
On the steep declines of mountains  
When thou wert but formless matter  
Only dust of rusty color Curses on thee, cruel iron  
Curses on the steel thou givest  
Curses on thee, tongue of evil  
Cursed be thy life forever! Surely thou wert void of greatness  
Having neither strength nor beauty  
When the moose was trampling on thee  
When the roebuck trod upon thee  
When the tracks of wolves were in thee  
And the bear-paws scratched thy body Surely thou hadst little value  
When the skillful Ilmarinen  
First of all the iron-workers  
Brought thee from the blackened swamp-lands  
Took thee to his ancient smithy  
Placed thee in his fiery furnace Truly thou hadst little vigor  
Little strength, and little danger  
When thou in the fire wert hissing  
Rolling forth like seething water  
From the furnace of the smithy  
When thou gavest oath the strongest By the furnace, by the anvil  
By the tongs, and by the hammer  
By the dwelling of the blacksmith

By the fire within the furnaceCurses on thee, cruel iron  
Curses on the steel thou givest  
Curses on thee, tongue of evil  
Cursed be thy life forever!Now forsooth thou hast grown mighty  
Thou canst rage in wildest fury  
Thou hast broken all thy pledges  
All thy solemn vows hast broken  
Like the dogs thou shamest honor  
Shamest both thyself and kindred  
Tainted all with breath and evilTell who drove thee to this mischief  
Tell who taught thee of thy malice  
Tell who gavest thee thine evil!  
Tell me! Now tell me!Did thy father, or thy mother  
Did the eldest of thy brothers  
Did the youngest of thy sisters  
Did the worst of all thy kindredNot thy father, nor thy mother  
Not the eldest of thy brothers  
Not the youngest of thy sisters  
Not the worst of all thy kindredBut thyself hast done this mischief  
Thou the cause of all our trouble  
Come and view thine evil doings  
And amend this flood of damageCurses on thee, cruel iron  
Curses on the steel thou givest  
Curses on thee, tongue of evil  
Cursed be thy life forever!

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