

Take Some Fire

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When the weeping willow grants you
a place to grieve your loss
When the fire-crested healer sees your bones of shame
When the lowly worm turns silent in a pod of introspection
It's then you'll find a voice to reclaim

The weeping willow once lay choking with a deadly blight
And the fire-crested healer once lay frozen in the snow
You, too, will overcome, though your journey will be hard
And you must take some fire when you go

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For a wisdom lives within you, as only you can know
Prepare yourself for battle, and your flight into the storm
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When a thousand fallen heroes turn against you in the dark
And your guardian angels here on earth turn a
deaf ear towards your cries
When you perform great miracles that no one seems to see
And your good intentions fall by the wayside

When the ice you tread is fragile in the endless winter night
And below its frozen surface are the memories within
The water will still haunt you until you give it some release
As a wound must bleed to cleanse itself again

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Your fury will propel you to that freedom you desire
That spark that once eluded you now illuminates your smile
And it comes when you take fire

When the need for instant comfort
leads you to the poisoned stream
As it strips you of your armor and lances you with pain

When the mask you wear of silence bears a stoic web of scars
And there are secrets you no longer can contain

When a phantom terror drains you of the life you never knew
When your spirit of survival is exhausted to the core
When the sadness of unlearning lies behind your tired eyes
Of one who's seen it all and then some more

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