THE SINGING MOUNTAIN

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Dedication

This book is for the seekers, for the lovers of beauty and mystery, for the wonderstruck warriors who never stop living for the King of the Mountain.

This book is for the poets. Your time has come. Release your hearts into the world and watch as the eyes of the earth turn to see you; as the hearts of the nations transform under the beauty, truth, and power of your words.

And, finally, this book is for my friends and family who have fiercely loved and supported me. You know who you are. You are gold to me.

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A Note from the Author

Dear Reader,

I am so honored that you've picked up my book.

I am convinced that poetry is more than mere words on a page, more than an optional addition to our literary consumption. Good poetry contains deep truths, allows us to gaze into a pool of beauty and truth if we take the time to listen as it speaks.

The potential of poet and poetry has been grossly underestimated. A poet is more than a craftsman. Poetry is more than pretty words.

A poet is one who translates the loveliness of truth and goodness into something that awakens new ways of understanding. Poetry flows from the poet's heart as something the world can stop and marvel at, something that can move hearts to the point of healing and change, something that can shift society and culture into the arms of justice.

Poetry should speak with eloquence and authority. It should hold and unfold mysteries. It should prophesy and create.

My greatest hope for this collection is that it lives up to that standard, that it opens the door to more for your heart, and that it takes you out of time and into eternity. I hope that in your quiet moments these words become portals into the reality of dimensions beyond what you see and that you are transported into realms of beauty, truth, revelation, and healing as you read.

This book is for seekers. May it be a blanket of comfort and healing, a revealer of mysteries, a voice of wisdom.

May the light of these words illuminate darkness, and may this volume become a friend to your heart,

Elisabeth

Zion

Zion

We carved our hearts
In the mountain sound

And the sound of the mountain Carved its heart in us

Imprinted with words
Of thundering drums

Surrounded by light Dancing strings wildly

Ringing

Voices of bells Announcing freedom

Air awash with music Colors alive with Wisdom

Zion has a hold on me The Music of this city is home to me

I'm caught in patterns of the mountain's light Finding lost memories Of before My before In folds and crevices Valleys and peaks

I have come to find Where I was born

In the dream of a King Washed in wonder and possibility

The hues of Zion In the city of my heart

Everlast

I'm in the city
And the city is in me

Identity carved In waters deep

Deep mountain waters Sing with fire, wine, and oil

Born in blood and water In the rhythm of His heartbeat I remember My origin

Zion singing

Mountain

I saw a mountain

with worlds inside

And the sound of gardens blooming swept over me like music

A teeming creation

of spices and fruit

cities upon cities

doorways to universes

Libraries and scribes

pour out living letters filling mouths with Wonder and Justice

Patterns of Grace weave reality into atmospheres higher than heights of earth

The Mountain sings,

forever new and ancient

the songs of Holy

an invitation

We Build Cities

Let dreams of God from heights of Zion pour out like water into the earth from the fountain of our lives.

We build cities the earth has never seen.

From inside the glow of the singing mountain they rise in our hearts to form

Cities born of blueprints stored in dreams of Your heart.

They wait

for hearts to believe beyond the reach of what they've seen.

Minds

to open up to eternal beauty waking the future today.

Eyes

with new cities in their view glory carved from Zion, deep

Time

Healers

Wisdom is better than silver and gold Saturate with substance I cannot hold in my hands

Call me a new name the earth has never heard I'll ride on the wings of Justice Bearing the unuttered miracle Wielding healing Inside the burned-out broken cracks of creation

Give me a drink from the ancient well While whispers ignite fires The dawn summons me

Where are the healers of time?

Governors

The arches and concaves of time That bend, buckle, break Under the weight of reality And the government of wine

This malleable substance

Time

Begs to be governed By sons and daughters

Take it in your hands

Grace

Like the forming Of earth's clay

Quantum Garden

Remember past your present A quantum garden A shining city

The reality of life is More firmly rooted In the unseen

More ordered Beyond the confines Of time and space

Outside of time Into eternity

Your life is bigger Than you once thought

History's Future

To take what's been done and heal it Is not so out of reach

The arms of eternity

Override the confines of time

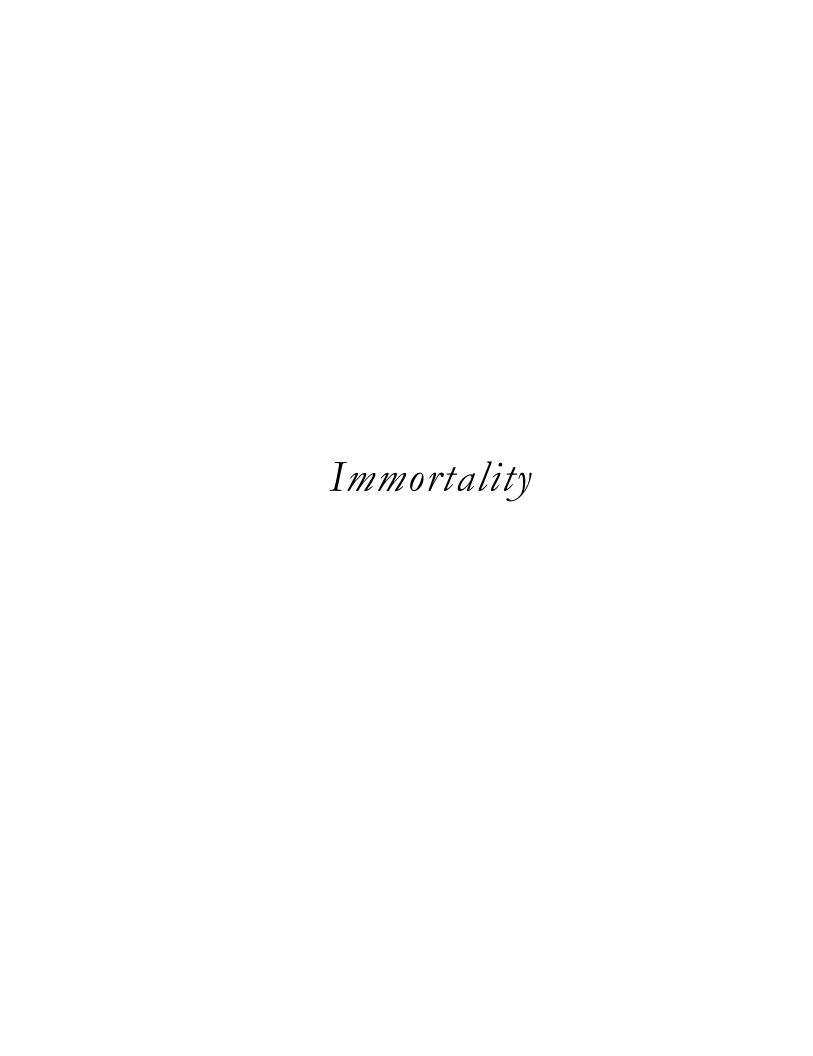
And Grace drips on fissures Of the long lost and broken

Never let time stare you down Or defeat you

Its ability to govern lies only In the permission you grant it

Blood cries out for justice Death will never win

Healing runs over forgotten places The future is changed to promise



Bearers of Life

We bend light with our words;

draw grace over darkness, pull fire into monotony of days, bring thunder to break injustice.

We are the shifters the shapers the makers.

We are the breakers of death, born of the Breaker of Death.

We are the carriers the bearers the vessels

of

Life.

Movement

Movement is opposed to death

Blood pumping water rushing sound dancing

Symphony of Breath

Take one more breath

And another and another again repeat

The refrain of immortality

Streams of Consciousness

In golden rivulets
Connecting and dissecting
Dimensions
Alive here
Alive everywhere

Light has no shore Breath has no limit Outside of time

Mysteries from shattered cubes Come clattering Over false perceptions

Until broken, they lie Under a sea of Grace

And a River that lives
To breathe life
In streams of consciousness

Concentric waves Beyond banks Of time and place

The Substance of Grace

The substance of grace Liquid time Like holy wine

Rises under me Wings and tides Song and rhyme

Grace

Breaking of ground
Thunder of the sound

Justice

Carrying, lifting Weighing, sifting

The empowerment of the ages In the substance of grace

Over me

Voice of the Mystic

Mystic

Let the nations hear
The voice of the mystic
Creation listens
Fire glistens
In mysteries mined and traversed
By the brave in the earth

Hidden they've lived Until the earth makes a final appeal

Crying out for golden threads of understanding To spin around them Like the firesong of angels

Calling for the substance of flames, oil, wine Desperate for wisdom and meaning

We've turned all our lives
On this revolving axis
But we failed to live revolution

So the voice of the mystic comes Silence, singing, sound Shaking the ground of cracked foundations To build with sure revelation The quantum glory

The voice of the mystic cries Make way for union In whirlwinds of words And tips of tongues Articulating holy fire

Realms

I came up through a flaming sword swirling with letters of light.

I came up through a singing river breathing air of water at rest.

I came up through a golden garden a fortress of a name.

Fires and spirals took me in their arms carrying me into unbreakable might

A fountain of unceasing love

Remembering

Somewhere deep in the river of our blood we remember Eden

Generation upon generation of forgotten grace but the winds of Eden still blow

Light in my veins the fire awakens nearer to me than air in my lungs

Realities dream

To awaken Eden in corners of my heart asleep to the Light

Flames of Wisdom

Sit with Wisdom until her counsel covers you

Steadily singing until night gives up its stand against you

And winds are no longer monstrous beasts

But wild still they burn with fire

Galaxies

Awaken to wonder and cavernous depths of infinite breath alive in me

Firebolt

Awaken to lighting striking each cell blazing with light

Singing

I am eternal depth nations and worlds I am one with the Timeless Limitless

Heart

The only timepiece of heaven constant rhythm perfect order pumping light

River

The world is about to see galaxies in me

Endless

In endless cords of light Refracting white Eternal color Time does not imprison Distance is an illusion

The mystic reaches
Beyond time and space
Lives beyond reason
Where reason was born

Deep in the embrace Of Reality

Kaleidoscope

Seven flames combined as I looked into bright mantles of Holy

Mingled fire dancing as I stood upon a lucid sea of Actuality

And now I see everything as it is intended

Gushing from fiery hues of Spirit burning

Sacred

Listening is holy Observing, sacred

Fires and rivers tell

The holiness of listening carries wonder and understanding

In hands held open amid thunder and winds

The Music of Stillness

There is a philosophy of progress Nothing grows in stillness

We must keep moving Make things happen

Turn the cogs of the wheels of machines Sweat and toil and churn

To that I say
Go stand in a forest

Let purposeful stillness Seep into your bones

Absorb life in holy serenity
The progress of rest
For in silence
There is music

In stillness
There is growth

The mighty trees are about their business

Without sweat
With effortless grandeur

As they forge life in stillness

They sing
They live
They grow
They stand

Carpets of moss Ferns with their swords Wild hearted blooms

They sing
They live
They grow
They stand

The forest and the wilderness know The unending well of the mystics

Enfolded and captured They rest unto greatness

In stillness running with rivers of music

In stillness wrought with growth and strength

In stillness bursting with banquets of beauty

They sing
They live
They grow
They stand

Hearts of Fire and Steel

Bring back the fervid zeal
The hearts of fire and steel
Hands that believe and build

Bring back words of silk and hammers Spirits in light crafted Minds of wisdom and wing-spread

Let the promise of beyond what we see Awaken Origin of Breath, blow

In embers and winds of Eden We wake to the glow

Who are These People?

The Kainos people
The tomorrow people
Today
The cloud walkers
The living-well talkers
The wine cellar dwellers
Immortal

With honey dripping from their tongues With mantles of eloquence Resting on their shoulders

Who are these people?!

The dark horses
The special forces
The people with divine DNA
Coursing through their veins

The Heart of the Mystic

Hands

Reaching

Grasping mysteries

To hold before the eyes of nations

Earth, behold.

Cosmos, hold your breath.

The mystics,

Living in winds

Walking on clouds

Inviting mysteries to dance in our veins

And we, in the veins of mystery

Right outside the matrix

Beyond the fringes

Of the comprehensible known

Lives the mystic

Reaching

Dwelling

Breathing the air of the unseen

The revelator

Dreaming

Leaning

Abiding in eternal mystery

Earth, listen

Cosmos, at attention

The rustle of a lion rising

The lilt of a turtledove singing

Carried on the voice of the mystics

Chariot songs

The mystic cries

The mystery is reality

John, the revelator cries

Look, listen

The glistening dawn

Of dreams unseen

Combing through

words of silver wisdom

And melodies soft and loud

New Poetry

New poetry is crying out from hidden caves from city fountains from the mountain of Light

Colors on words we've never seen frequency gleaming in syllables untethered from mortal logic

Guttural cries for redemption, reason transcendent replies from wells deep and wide

Listen

Order from chaos

Everything alive

Wakened to the sound

Listen

Justice runs swiftly

Into nations and systems

Transformation all around

Beauty rests

upon hearts who stop to listen

The mystics

The poet prophets

Rising

Light Sings

Where-forever I go
Light sings
In choruses great
In whispering winds
Covered in soft and furious strength

Walking encompassed
By feathered wings
Courageous words
Build seas of power in me

I walk inside layers Worlds and cities Of endless light

Justice

Where Justice Lives

There's a sound of rumbling
The thunder of laughter
In the courts

And all the chariots of justice ride On the rhythm

Joy, the sound of government Swirling around in the wine

Profound
Justice lives
In waves and breakers
Of life and light
In body and blood

In the redemption of time In mines of destiny Where the treasure Holds Ancient wisdom

Where light Sounds its trumpet And life prevails

Crown

Justice Turns its head To tear-soaked hearts

Looks pain in the eye

Stares slavery and death Down the barrel Of a song That crowns the head Of the broken

A Song of Justice for the Farmer

Tears of God mend the soil as worn hands toil to turn dirt into beauty and perhaps bread

Unseen, forgotten by most Beaten down by hands who hold corrupt power In places they've never stood

But higher arms hold noble hearts The Highest of all And the wind of justice blows On dreams of Eden

For dirt is well loved by the King And from the beginning It has held the song of His breath

God was a gardener here before He was a carpenter

The Great Cloud

David's Song

You heard the songs I played for a king tormented

You saw raw grit held in a stone strike a giant dead

You saw my strength You saw a shining moment

I came out of the shadows that day

But you never heard the years of songs I played in open fields

On dewy nights on blazing mornings

Those hills are full of my song

The earth has heard no other ear

Still my solace abides

There are some songs that drip with gold and the mountains are their home

Listen to Sheerah

Authority rests on my frame like a silken mantle of grace

I will not let my voice remain tethered to the age I live in

I am a woman

of incredulous audacity and the world will hear me

Vision and Wisdom
I have
caught and held
to wield
and lay upon history
like bricks and mortar
unmovable

I build cities
I usher in the future

Listen

You can hear it

The sound of hammers and stone foundations set and settling they will remain unmoved for thousands of years

God, Himself, defends my cities

Still, stands the sun over them to defeat enemies at the gates

Listen to me-Build your cities

From counsels and mountain Light come blueprints for cities that will stand and change the face of the earth forever

Listen to me

Mary

No one expected Him to weep

My own tears consumed me I knew who He was when I poured All I had in this world at His feet

The Redeemer of all things

I thought death had swallowed my brother Grief hung around my neck I had one hope

Him

One would think the King of the Universe Would first work the miracle And then we'd rejoice

But the heart of a King Sits with the broken And my friend weeps with me Warriors & Forerunners

Pioneers

Where are the pioneers
With dew and pearls of destiny
Laced between their lips

Calloused hands

Eyes that see beyond brushes of chaos In the fire of His gaze they dwell Becoming the blaze they behold

Fearless feet

Ears that hear beyond the clattering voices Bellowing their cries of Distraction, derailment, and deafening doubt

Unbending spines

Minds of steely oneness In synchronicity with the thoughts of the King Sword wielding wild spirits of the brave

Battle tested hearts

Proven in dark fiery silence
On roads they built alone
Graced in steadfast resolution

Fiercely forged

Unmoved in storms of accusation, In the face of misunderstanding

Formed in solitary, wondrous paths of ancient discovery

They stand

Hearts entangled into the King's rhythm Taking shape in the sound of many waters Love stronger than death

One

The earth has yet to hear the roar
Of the fire-branded warrior
Love driven revelators as they sound victory

Get ready

With voices of water and gavels With hands of skill and beauty With hearts of prophecy and fire

They come

Warrior

Night falls on the warrior
Rending eyes dim and heart heavy
Lending questions a bigger space than deserved
Pending answers in pools of uncertainty

When darkness
Brandishes time as a weapon
Still your heart

In the midst of the sound You will hear The stirring of waters and wind Of thunder and rain

A fountainous song of everlasting love over you

And the song of love Is the song of victory

Have you ever heard the drums of victory sound? Like a force of reckoning and reigning Like waves breaking The rhythm shaking Every voice contrary to the win So now, my daring warrior My rider of truth, my lover of justice Let your bleeding heart sink safely Into the rhythm of love and victory

Breathe in Breath out

And let Your lungs fill

Let the shrill and vapid sound of defeat Shatter to the ground

And let the Maker's hands hold you
The thundering drums of His heart surround

Consolation

Let Me bring you in to rest a while until all your tears make a salty sea and love comes in like softness to win

Sit at My table like a friend at midnight calling for grace and understanding

Come to the meadow lay beside Me as stillness moves the pain to leave

Let Me bring you in I'll stand so you can fall inside My heart tonight and kindness isn't faith long forgotten

Run to the river for healing in the water stirring as doubt flees

Sit in My garden where memories are planted in the forgiving soil of justice

Silence

The absence of sound Is not the silence I crave But the absence of noise

Give me birdsong
And sighs of weary warriors
Pen scratch
And rivers speaking

Give me cries of honest hearts A lone violin singing Blossoms unfolding Wind playing tips of pines

Give me laughter and tears Give me boots on velvet earth Give me crackling fires under silken skies

Give me the songs of purity and grace Wonders that baptize

The Rumble

Where is that rumble coming from?
The earth is shifting
From deep wells come golden songs
Forged under wings
And carrying lightning

Where is that river running from?
Washing death and decay away
Rolling like thunder
From the throne of wonder
Symphonic release from the Conductor

Into living flames
And stones that breathe
The air of His heartbeat

Here are the hands that bear revolution From mysteries come revelation Graced in fertile soil Of hearts in mystical union

Here are the hearts that will launch
The earth into the next era
Beyond revival
We come
Beyond history
We go
Into the new and ancient way
Of union revolution

This is the apocalypse now This is the glory of a new age This is the full revealing of Beauty Tercets & Quatrains

Wisdom's Awakening

Drink the cup of Wisdom
Let her colors dance in your veins
Lightning meets thunder in the waking

Spun

Silver surrounds words of golden truth And I am spun In gleaming amber streams of honey

The Eyes of Justice

Justice rolls in wheels within wheels And finally, eyes look upon The forgotten

Before Time

Laughter and tears command the chariots of justice And blood answered weeping blood Before time saw its own face

Munificent

Munificent justice A river kept teeming By the reins of mercy

Rivers

Crooked made straight In the rivers of my veins From before the before

God Marches

The sound of thunder Reverberates in the Balsam trees God marches And I am entangled into victory

Woven

In deep and ancient mystery I discover Grace woven into life And love breathing immortality

Remembrance

I shook slumber from my frame Saw my reflection in eyes of fire Suddenly I remembered The dream I was born in

Unbound

Tears unbound
Brittle and brave
Held tight by wisdom
She spins her gold

Heritage

On the banks of provision
Beauty wept my eyes to see
And the red cord of heritage
Silken and singing- waits to baptize me

The Sound

My fingers run through the sound of justice A racehorse at the gate A turtledove singing

Words Drawn

Something deeper Lives in words Drawn from the river Everlasting

Ascending

Realms
Like helix ladders
Ascending
Into mysteries of reality

Untethered

Untethered in concentric Rhythms of grace Above the circle of the earth Cloudwalkers

Spoken Word (Adapted for Print)

Calling the Artists

Wisdom has bellowed in the winds of the earth. Joy has called out in longing.

Come!

Be the thunder of God in the earth. Be the beauty of His name poured out.

I join my voice with the voice like the sound of many waters, the voice like the sound of a trumpet.

And I call for awakening

Silence the singers to truly sing.

Still the dancers to dance the dance of divine romance and rejoicing that crushes injustice.

Awaken the dreamers to dream the dreams of heaven's heart.

Oh, you creators created by The Creator, still yourselves to receive the movement of heaven. Silence yourselves to receive the sound of heaven.

Awaken yourself from sleep. Come back to yourselves. Come back to original design. The great voice of loving-kindness is in the earth again, the sound of the bridegroom come.

So come!

Come one, come all to the revolution, to the great awakening, to the spectacle of the ages.

Release the dancers!
The earth is groaning!
Give me your painters,
give me your poets,
give me your mathematicians and your magicians,
give me your musicians,
give me your downtrodden passionate lovers of
beauty.

Give me the fullness of a generation on its knees.

Give me the artists who sit in wisdom.

Give them to me

and let their freedom be wrought in the river of Life.

Let them be born again in the blood of covenant.

And then-

let the earth be shaken to its cultural core.

and let the government of joy and freedom come bubbling up from the ancient wells.

Let the artists uncap the ancient wells!

We dig We see We hear

Let the poetry of promise pry open the depths of healing for ancient wounds.

Let the beauty we make with our hands shape the future into glory.

Let the sounds of our awakening shake brokenness-

like
the breaking of chains,
like
the crumbling of stone,
like
the rumbling of waves and breakers.
Like the waking of veins
that pump the blood and the wine
into dry bones on a desert floor.

Dancing.

Let the dry bones dance again.

Let streams flow in the desert.

This is the day, this is the hour for awakening ushered forth in the arms of beauty and power.

This is your day. This is your hour.

Let the artists loose-The wild, unbridled, untamed, uninhibited

Let them loose

and watch constructs of religion crumble.

A new day is dawning.

So rise up and ring the bells of the morning,

all you people of beauty and wonder.

We are the song of a new day.

Where Poets Prophesy

Out in the wilderness

where poets prophesy to dead bones.

Out in the desert where a cry rings out.

Deep in the silence where a call goes out to the four winds.

Tucked in the cave of darkness there's a holy light.

These are the birthing rooms of miracles.

Nobody sees.

Nobody sees what happens in the darkness, nobody sees the tears in the silence.

Nobody sees.

But these are the birthing rooms of miracles. These are the places where seeds are planted.

These-

Are the dance floors of love, The trading floors where the catalysts for change are set like flint. Immovable.

These are the corridors of power, the halls of wonder, the chambers of thunder.

But

These

Are the places we never want to go, the places we never want to know.

We don't want to be here, we don't know how to see here.

These are the places we feel lost. We question who we are here.

We

Question

Everything

And we must

For when we question, we find answers.

These

Are the incubators for destiny, formation chambers of power, the fierce establishers of authority.

These are sending rooms for miracles, the places where the call rings out, the rings are handed out.

Place the ring on my finger

and let its seal mark my life.

In the silence.
In the darkness.
In the wilderness.
In the desert.

These are the places we never want to go.

We don't want to go and we most certainly don't want to stay.

But these are the places where the light is born into darkness.

These are the places where deep calls unto deep.

Deep. Calls. Unto. Deep

And we go there!

We go there

because we are the tomorrow people.

We are the dreamers of dreams.

We are the runners

in the foreground of the great unknown.

We are the pioneers and engineers of the future.

We are the creators of beauty,

the believers of justice and peace.

We are the priests and kings and prophets emerging from the unknown depths of God.

We have been forged in pain and pressure.

We have been formed in fire, water, wine, and oil.

We have been found in the eyes of God.

We know the secret to the power of love.

Power lies in the places people never want to go. Miracles are waiting.

They're waiting.

They're waiting.

They're waiting.

They're seeds on the winds of the wilderness and they are waiting!

All the power of love we search for is so often found in the places we never want to go.

But seek and you will find.

Seek, move, never relent. Be brave, be strong, be courageous.

Forge into the deepest and highest place.

Even if you go alone,

Go.

For these are the dance floors of love.

Wake the Dead

We need more wakers to wake the sleeping We need the sleeping to rise

The call for revolution runs deep and wide Revolutionaries, the earth calls for keeping

Where are the scribes and the poets and the bards Who lift songs of light in the night And craft truth and wisdom into words

Healing on their lips
Carrying grace in their grips
Singing outside of time
To unheard rhyme

That sets new paces and wins races
To shift spaces into realms we've only seen through laces
Of whispers as we sat inside the gates

We are the gates who have run through the door And we run without stopping We do not tire We do not weary We run and we sing and we never stop

To shake false rhythms

To break systems of corruption To heal the weeping And raise the sleeping dead

We come bringing justice And dreaming dreams Of Eden rising And a city hemmed in by gems

It's time for a new day breaking
Light cannot be taken
By darkness
So sing singers
And tell poets
And play fingers on strings to bring glory

And let the holy explosion
Rumble
Let darkness crumble
In the wake of the warriors who cry love in the streets
And speak the jarring truth
To heal the nations and creation

Listen!

The sound of beauty is rising Ring the bells of justice and Wake the dead The day is new