

Hymn of the Earth



1, 7 As the sun band and the sha - dow move a - cross the spin - ing stone,
 2 On the swells of rag - ing o - ceans lit by sun and swept by storms,
 3 Put the swell - ing seas be - hind you, call the o - cean home no more,
 4 Raise the stone with - in your grasp - ing, strike it down for good and ill,
 5 Vill - ag - es and rock - hewn al - tars good and ev - il dim - ly know.
 6 Still the call burns like a fire through the chil - dren of the earth.



set a - mid the lights of heav - en, turn - ing in the night a - lone,
 nour - ished in the roil - ing wa - ters, ride the tin - y liv - ing forms.
 stand up - on the tide - swept beach - es, plant your seed up - on the shore.
 share the fire and cel - e - bra - tion of the hunt - ing and the kill.
 Ev - ery step is death or prom - ise on the up - ward way you go—
 Know the one - ness of cre - a - tion, hal - low that which gives you birth.



E - ons on the up - ward jour - ney, E - ons more, and yet to come
 Up the spir - al of the ag - es swim the crea - tures of the seas,
 Stride the val - leys, trek the for - ests, scale the rang - es, ford the streams,
 See the seed that sprouts un - tend - ed, learn the se - crets of the soil,
 towns and cit - ies, rac - es, na - tions has - ten - ing the fev - ered pace—
 Care for ev - ery sea and riv - er, hon - or sky and fruit - ful land.



if your cher - ished chil - dren choose to cher - ish you as home.
 and a - cross the earth the an - them of the life still yet to be.
 won - der at your own re - flec - tion, heed the cry that haunts your dreams.
 turn the earth and plant for har - vest, chart the sea - sons of your toil.
 earth sub - dued and held in bond - age by the dawn - ing hu - man race.
 Cher - ish ev - ery liv - ing cre - ture, ev - ery wo - man, ev - ery man.



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