

Styx

Styx, styx, you'll never claim me
You'll never reach inside my soul
My heart's too weak to live on
Bursting with pain and black as coal.

But deep within me lies hope
And hope you can never break
For light is stronger than dark
And God is stronger than hate.

Not a single tear will fall
Into your waters black with death
God will wipe my tears away
With the wind of earth his breath.

Flow, flow! Flow down and away!
You splash and glimmer but in vain;
your depths will never hold me
Though life with hellfire rain.

I caught a glimpse of sunlight
When the morning sun used to rise
Alone its very remembrance
Oblivion's lure defies.

River insatiable!
My heart trembles in you presence!
Your pools swirl like dreadful jaws
Emitting pure malevolence.

Your fires burn without light
Yourself you consume forever;
I hear the innocent's cries
Once seduced and now in terror.

My brothers, my brothers dear!
Your cries of pain are not in vain!
Know that you once kept a soul

From leaping in these flames of pain.

May God have mercy upon you
For with him there is ever hope;
I pray with tears of sorrow
He'll extend a merciful rope.

And now I must cross this bridge
Over this underworld's river;
Styx, styx – you'll never have me –
Oh God, your servant deliver!