## **Guardians of the Breath**

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Guardians slept while comfort came The vapours poison, the acid rain fell The spirit cut from earthly bounds The creature stirred the pain

How much abuse can she take (awake from your dreamtime) The lines are drawn our justice awaits (will the guardians surrender)

The forest bare, a desert born The life pushed out They sold her cheaply All for a shilling for next weeks treat A marvel that had taken ten thousand years

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