

## Song Of A Dryad

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Old companion I know you are dying  
I feel the dark moment rise up through your core  
All your leaves die and your branches are bare  
And I fear if I sleep I'll awaken no more

Oh, you have been a great-hearted friend  
How we have peacefully travelled the years  
Now a soft counterpoint fills all my dreams  
The fall of your leaves and the fall of my tears

Old companion I wakened this morning  
And felt a sad emptiness where you had been  
I was alone; lost in my grief for you  
Missing your touch so much loser than kin

Old companion I found in your shadow  
One of the striplings that came from your seed  
Will he flourish feeding on all you were  
Will his young heart be the home that I need

New companion pardon my tears awhile  
I will grow happier over the years  
As we grow close time will be good to us  
Granting us centuries yet without fears

Oh and he was a great-hearted friend  
Peacefully sharing my life 'til today  
Now he is only alive in my memory  
All else he was will soon crumble away

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