## **To Carry The Flame**

## Old Man Gloom

Under the dirt down to the stone down where the ants and worms call home there is the place where we began replaced the clay w ith a foreign sand to carry the flame up through the earth to h arness the fire inside the hearth into the air

see the embers fly the fiery ashes burning out in the sky smoke fills the air its in everything

they smell the wild blaze as the cinders sing to carry the flam e up through the earth

to harness the fire inside the hearth "higher higher burning fi re making music like a choir" burn the follies of my youth all my vices and untruths

the bricks glow red on into the night we'll watch it burning ti l the morning light