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*Nik Lego, Editor (English and Marketing 2024)*

Pray, do not fear  
The baleful kiss of fire  
And say no elegies  
For the half-melted stone  
For as I watch you bleed  
You bleed  
With glimmering gold  
Hammered awake  
From a dormant yesterday  
Screaming out  
From the womb  
On a cord of smoking oil  
Finally crowned  
With tomorrow's  
Shining pommel.

I hope that you remember  
This burning is a birth.

I plead that you remember  
Not all flames are ruin.

## lamentations

*Anna Cheng*  
(*Studio Art 2025*)

