

# Guardians of the Breath

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Keeping gaia from the fear of death  
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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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