

## The Decision Tree (We're Alive)

Ayreon

Ah, my friends! So light of foot. So swift. You have come this far. And now - here beneath the ancient, omniscient boughs of the Decision Tree - one of you must depart this world of flesh.

Only seven may continue. Only you can decide...

let it be known I won't be the one to die here  
honour and glory are heaped upon my name  
let it be clear I'm not the one who cries here  
what about the tall one, the one who's lost to shame

I've followed princes, I've raised their bloody banners  
I've killed and wounded on the side of right  
I've reaped the harvest, scattered fields with ashes  
I've buried children, sowed the seeds of hate

we're alive  
we'll survive  
we will strike for  
our freedom  
we're alive  
we'll survive  
we'll arrive in our  
eden

I've followed princes  
I've followed kings  
I will take their lead no  
more  
I will not lie  
in shallow graves  
(I'm nobody's slave)

let it be known, by Thor the god of lightning  
I have been chosen to do battle at his side  
let it be clear I was born to go down fighting  
what about the craven, the one who's lost his pride

don't speak to me of honour, pride and glory  
I've tasted blood, seen your type before  
you talk of battle but all you tell are stories  
you'd see me buried in a shallow grave