

# The Ascent

## Caligula's Horse

(This is the way)  
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This is the way that we hand control to gravity's grip  
The way that it goes  
Before we can rise we must be laid low  
Bloodied, alive, I make it to my knees  
Only to pray they won't forget me  
Cast to the ground when I reached for the war

So climb

Rise in the rot and set the pace to stay  
The heart is the way where the markers were laid  
Higher again until we're leaving our own

We climb

The fight and the form  
The ever forward, mine  
Boot to the hold  
One tread at a time  
Hand over hand  
The path as it winds

So climb

So rise radiant  
You are the way  
You were born to the ascent  
So rise, my radiant  
With my pride, bear your heart into the end of me

There is no death  
I am with you, my darling  
If I am breathing through you  
Death only is to wake  
With the face of our fathers below  
And no fear to follow the way forward  
Love

There is no pride  
I am with you, my darling  
This is your time  
And so into your hands I leave all that I could not reach  
You are the worlds colliding  
The sail unfurls  
We have all been building worlds

Forward  
Like loss could colour cloud and distance edify  
A farewell to sunrise  
The decaying heartbeat of the sky  
So as the hills drink deep  
We watch survivors trace their old calligraphy  
In light

Forward  
With all I took with me  
A spite of my design  
Too long the lesson  
All it took to leave my hate to lie  
What a privilege it is to watch the day's last colour die  
Teaching us to climb

Forward now  
Through  
Forward now  
Through

And into your hands I leave all that I could not reach  
You are the worlds colliding  
We built a world  
Your sails unfurled

Forward now  
Through  
Forward now  
Through

The way is forward  
The fall will take form into ascent  
You are the sun  
Rise radiant  
Become the light alive  
The fight and the climb  
The strife, the day  
We are the sun  
Rise radiant  
My love the way forward  
The fall will take form into ascent  
You are the sun  
Rise radiant  
Become the light alive  
The fight and the climb  
The strife, the day  
We are the sun  
Rise radiant, my love