## **Red Clay**

## **The Crane Wives**

Today I woke from a dream of self-imposed suffering I was clawing my way up a red-clay mountain

Blistering sun
My sweat soaking my clothing
Question myself "Why keep going?"

Over my shoulder were towering trees Their rustling branches summoning me To a parallel trail, one not so steep Offering shelter, offering ease

Red clay
We don't have to do this the hard way

So, I take a deep breath and turn to be brave Harvest the fruits of being afraid

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