

Emerald Circle

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I wore the old desire like a second skin
A borrowed fire that I kept living in
Every mirror gave me someone to become
Every hunger beat its little kingdom
drum
Perfume and memory, venom and lace
Ghost after ghost with your
shadowed face
I called it love when it only curled
Round the locked gate of a
smaller world
I fed on fragments, on heat, on signs
On bruised-up kisses and
broken designs
I drank from the wells that never stayed clear
I knelt to the shape of
my favorite fear
And all that glittered began to rot
All that possessed me possessed
me not
Till something deeper than want or pain
Began to rise through my blood
like rain
Open the sky inside of me
Break what I was to set me free
Beyond the wound
Beyond the will
Beyond the names I answer still
Take this heart past the
edges of form
Hold me whole in the center of the storm
I climbed through memory,
bone by bone
Through every inheritance called my own
The father-voice, the
inward chain
The ancient pattern beneath the name
I turned to face what I could
not keep
The root that twisted below the deep
And there you were—not dream,
not sign—
But the living vast with its coils in mine
Not the sweeter lie
Not the lesser
flame
Not the wound I learned
To worship by name
You were the field
You were the
sea
You were the silence
Unfastening me
Open the sky inside of me
Break what I
was to set me free
Beyond the wound
Beyond the will
Beyond the names I answer
still
Take this heart past the edges of form
Hold me whole in the center of the
storm
Crown of the dark that births the dawn
Take all I am and carry it on
No more
the shard
No more the role
No more the hunger that called me whole
I am the cry
and the answering flame
I am the wound and the nameless name
Come through
me now
And after the breaking, a deeper desire
Not less of the body
But more of
the fire

—“Emerald Circle,” Track 7 on Scarlet Aeon, *Heart Girt with a Serpent*, 1995/2026.

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