

# The Life Cycle of Flowers

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When the earth reclaims the petals  
When the moonlight fades to dawn  
When the leaves of trembling velvet  
Lose the courage to hold on  
Violets tell fairy tales  
In their nests of dusky ground  
Heros robed in shining purple  
Battles lost and lovers found  
As their gentle comrade dies  
Friends, his trembling heart to soothe,  
Tell him loving, stirring lies  
Of the tall ones who can move.

Listen to the ways of humans  
How they thrive on reckless chances,  
Dynasty and heart's desire  
Ride on slippers left at dances  
For a narrow chance at freedom  
Nothing is too good to stake  
Grow your hair or spin your metal  
Run with heros in your wake  
Hear about the restless men  
On the seas that know them best  
Finding gold, seducing mermaids  
Stealing rocs' eggs from their nests  
Listen to the ways of humans  
Fear not what now comes to you  
Soon your spirit will go with them,  
Reckless, rootless, sailing too.