

Reborn

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**I will gaze upon your engraved name no more...
nor dread old man dreams of foreign wars.**

**To *the other side* the river I cross...
from darkness into the light.**

**First the pop and sizzle...
then the great vault void of darkness
as brothers fall away slain by their years;
hardened by flames of war and life--
tempered souls--
like quiet simmering embers reborn.**