

## Folkearth

# "Before Battle I Embrace"

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O mighty war Gods, mist-breathing doorkeepers of the  
Otherworld--Hearken now my last words  
Into battle I must, the fray I shall embrace and with  
sword of bronze I will fight our enemies!  
Come with us--fight steadfast  
Rivers run red with blood!  
Freedom calls--thunder rolls  
Make them pay ere we die!  
Brooding in silence lost in the deep serenity of the  
woodland glade  
The bonfire crackles  
The stream is flowing tranquil  
I want my son to remember me a hero--not a coward  
Come with us--fight steadfast  
Rivers run red with blood!  
Freedom calls--thunder rolls  
Make them pay ere we die!

My bow of yew and my hounds I leave unto thee my  
son, for I shall not know the pride watching your first  
hunt  
Goddess mother, under thy protection I leave my  
beloved wife  
Dry her tears and comfort for I shall not return to keep  
her warm  
Against the legions of Rome there can be no victory  
So we only ask of the Morrigan for a warrior's death  
Holy thunder, fires of Taranis  
We know not fear, pain or defeat!  
Spears can pierce, run my body through  
Yet my spirit shall forever fight!  
When I die I will to the sky  
Where the Gods shall welcome me as kin!

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