

# Crab

Ice slicks the cold stones  
Where warriors stand watch  
Searching the darkness

The darkness peers back to find  
Sharp icicle reflections.

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on your triumphs today!*



# Dragon

The late-coming spring  
Has not yet reached the mountains  
The passes are still

Will the spring rains bring life  
Or the flooding river's rage?

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# Crane

The rain has not stopped  
It pours through holes in my roof  
That I could not mend

But there is space here to share,  
Storm-tossed fellow wanderer.

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# Lion

The smith at his forge  
Does not still his hammering  
To wipe dry his brow

But the weapon he creates  
Will be quenched in unknown pools.

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# Phoenix

Fires burn in the fields  
The ocean covers the land  
Despair steals my breath.

Heaven weeps at suffering  
Why would the earth be at peace?

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# Unicorn

Across the stream that  
Seemed too wide to cross, waving,  
Fellow traveler

The shafts of sunlight, birdsong,  
A friend...it will be enough

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# Scorpion

The sweet plums are ripe.  
But you had said "These are mine"  
And kept every one.

Hold them too long; you shall find  
Their sweetness filled with worms.

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