

## **A Pledge To My Child**

Like a fire I watch you grow  
You grow, and change everything...  
You leave no choice but a new beginning  
But how be fire when you can do no wrong?

How dare I sentence you to me!  
As you cling to my unworthy finger, I weep.

You gave me the world's richest joy,  
I robbed you of your righteous right.  
You cannot know the fears I have  
As I mumble a sorrowful lullaby.

The dark day dawns dauntingly  
As I oath to give you an opportunity  
May you always be in comfort as you rest  
And along your path to success be blessed

What secrets do you hold  
For I will dedicate my life to nurturing them  
I kiss those puffy ocean eyes  
As I forbid my poverty from infecting you

Like a fire, I will grow  
I will burn all that tries to harm you  
I pave the path, for you to fulfill your potential  
But as a fire, I will raise a saint

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