

# ***WE ARE ALIVE***

The deep mage Rhea brought me here

To a place I couldn't know

A cold and endless sea of sludge

Without a place to go

I looked around to find my bearings

But they were left behind

Am I up or down? I couldn't tell

In this void, I'd become blind

And then I heard what could only be

The creeping voice of madness

Words that were spoken thousands of times

Echoing deep in the blackness

*"We haven't had a guest in a while"*

It said, inside my mind

*"You look a little lost in here"*

*"Is there something you need to find?"*

I tried to speak, but nothing came out

My voice was stolen by fear

Inside my head I thought to myself

“How do I get out of here?”

The thousands of voices all laughed at once

*“Funny you ask, **YOU DON’T**”*

*“The door you came in is lost forever”*

*“You can try to find it. **YOU WON’T**”*

I began to hyperventilate

I was overcome with dread

I tried to make something with my Aether

But all my powers were dead

My voice still gone, I thought to myself

“What will become of me?”

The voices chuckled and hissed in my head

*“Just you wait and see”*

I felt the Abyss seep through my skin

And permeate my flesh

It began to swirl deep within

Before it started to thresh

It tore into my lungs and guts

It defiled my beating heart

It fed upon my tender insides

Before tearing me apart

When all that remained were fleeting thoughts

The voices spoke again

*“Join with us, the Eternal Choir”*

*“And live until the end”*

My final thought was not my own

I spoke alongside the hive

*“They all will learn the Abyss’s secret”*

***“THAT WE ARE ALIVE”***