

THROUGH THE FIRE TRIED

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- 1. The curtain closes down on another stage.
As certain forces mount to wreck our age.
For years we saw it comin'
but now we see it at hand:
the destruction of our children,
our souls and our land.**

**REFRAIN 1: But when I'm filled with passion,
the one thing they can't take and ration !
Deep down I know, there's a reason
we're all being tried and tried and tried and tried !
When there's no room left for laughin'
and you know evil doom is soon to happen,
you can rest assured we'll be stronger
and more wise — those who survive —
and we'll survive !**

- 2. The life we've lived, but a strife-filled gift
burned with the scars of pain.
And sometimes it feels like its gears and wheels
have only turned backwards in vain.
The hope of resurrection,
so dark it fades away
and hope, like spring, seems but a thing
of another dream-forsaken day !**

**REFRAIN 2: But when my heart's ablazin'
I feel there's somethin' still worth savin',
what the proud don't know, is I've been through
the fire fully tried — been burned alive !
Now I spend a lot of time prayin'
and I find myself thinkin' and sayin'
inside I feel more whole
having been buried, risen and survived,
and died and died and more than died
— through the fire tried !**

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REFRAIN 3: But when our heart's ablazin'
and we know there's somethin' in us worth savin',
what they don't know, is we've been through
the fire fully tried, and tried, and burned alive !
Now we spend a lot of time prayin'
and we find ourselves thinkin' and sayin'
that we feel more whole
having been buried, risen and survived,
and died and died and worse than died
— through the fire tried !

[REPEAT TO FADEOUT]

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