

Summary: To walk the path of blood, one has to understand...

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DEDICATION: To my dear grandfather. May this give you something to smile about in heaven, Papa.

Xena/Hercules

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To walk the path of blood

One has to understand

When all is done and dead

When lost the battle and the soul

When the last tear falls to grave

And a lonely warrior succumbs to fear

When to follow is to die

And to run is to survive

When forgotten is the past

And the future only a dreamlike fantasy

When a life is lost

And honour gained

When to fight a child is called

And duty takes what once was loved

A spectre comes to aid

To teach the art of death

To show the sacrifice

To lead them all to glory

When all is done and dead

When won the battle and the prize

When the last tear falls in happiness

A lonely warrior succumbs to pain

For only a fool is loved by war

And only a fool can hear the call

Only a fool can see what others deny

And watch the silent cry of life

To walk the path of blood

One has to understand

Or be a fool

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