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Chorus
              love
              love
              love
              unbowed in battle
              love
              so ruthless
                     and so innocent
              love
              watching through
              the night-time hours
              a sleeping girl
                     so innocent
              loves
              breath
              that stirs
              the perfume
              of her dreams
              to coax
              to comfort
              to caress
              until she takes him
              in her arms
              and whispers
                     softly
                     so he almost
                     dare not
                     hear
              i love you
              and the whole worlds
              hanging on a twisting thread
              the past
              the future
              fused
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the present frozen

poised

in that moment

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between
a paralysing hope
and
an impossible
desire
before
the answer comes
i love you
and
i love you
and
i love you
and
i love you
dances
       drunk
       delirious
to soar
       ecstatic
       through
       the scented night
       exultant
       dithyrambic
blazing
       in the starburst
       of her gaze
       of joy
       and wonderment
       a miracle
       of hope
       and life
       and love
              unbowed in battle
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**Antigone** is in the cave alone. It is very dark and gloomy. She realises her isolation and her vulnerability.

**Antigone** Love unbowed in battle! Love and life and hope. No hope now. No life. Only darkness and this living death. I don't belong here either.

I once saw an insect trapped in amber - beautiful and delicate and dead so many years, but somehow not allowed to die. It must have been so lonely! Like it wanted for its carapace to break so it could be set free.

*I* wanted to be free. I've waited for so many years, so many years I've missed you, mother. Mother!