## Descend Deep into the Heart of the Flame

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Descend Deep into the Heart of the Flame From amidst the fires, and searing hot breath, from toxic and intoxicating air I fall And find myself below/separated from the scalding and spewing lobbing trajectories of molten stuff, covered from the splattering stings of erupting volatile hurtling projectile matter into water, protected/cushioned, into You Oh You, assuaging and healing water, blue and cool, envelop me And keep me from the raging battles in the Ruling Cities Here, in this/my sequestered/redeeming city of water, I am perfect, unravaged by the consuming flames/forces that the Great Cities can generate, So, here in one of the secret coves, you have delivered me And here then I rest, cooled and lulled, in undifferentiated space and time, Where love abides and surrounds us completely for the while And prepares us to surface again. From Here to There From earthly to heavenly, Thank you for the respites and the enchanting places of refuge Descend Deep into the Heart of The Flame And you will find water Bathe and drink And you shall be replenished Thirst becomes Quenched All Striving is Redeemed In These Cities of Refuge

