

To Earn the Stripes

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Inside the realms of an art community
An entrance can be either subtle or awaited.
Minds that are driven by the penchant for ideas
Fires of passion that ignite at each turn.
Nerves can overtake or confidence can trump
But the first impression is how you'll be debated.
No matter what means you use to express yourself
There's always a place for those with fires to burn.

Creative minds that come together in tandem
A bond rarely seen in any offline paradise.
Outlets of the meek and the strong cross the divide
Where wondrous minds can explore no matter what the vice.

A playing field wider than anyone could imagine
Shifting through time's path like a venture through space.
Gatherings of all the kinds you can name make their advent
Closer knitted from the top down to the base.

Carrying our weights in the lives that we live
An endless endurance of a burden to bear.
No matter how pleasurable one's lifestyle is
An escape is never very far away.
Whether it's immersing yourself in stories
Or losing yourself in art crafted with such care.
Whether you find music or watch videos
The chord can be struck in the places that may.

Along with this comes a vivacious community
Crushing the daemons in their path with metal hands.
No matter what your area of interest may be
There is always a place to be invited and to stand.

With prodigy in your midst, it doesn't take long
To earn your stripes in a community so open and wide.
When you begin to make friends, you know that you've found
The utopia that was thought impossible in the tide.

