

# THE GREEN HOUR

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Book 2

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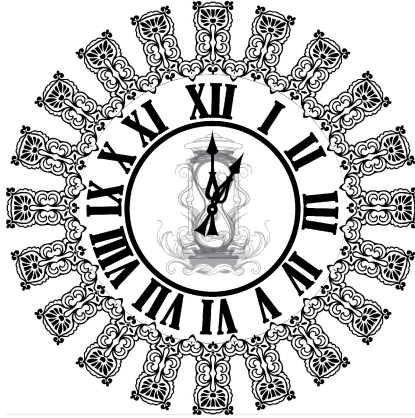
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# CHAPTER 1

## TRIBULATION

## I Ache

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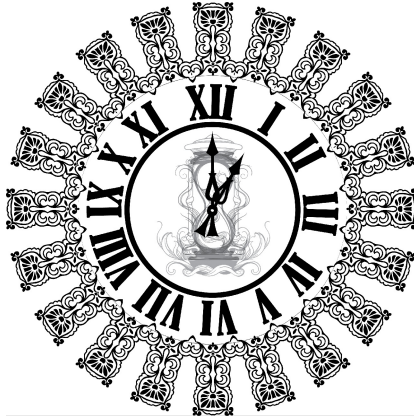
I hide behind the willow  
bush, thorns ripping  
my hands and feet.  
Blood trickles, hydrating  
pain buried deep.  
I pull the knife  
out of my throat  
and wail at the gods.  
My tears conjure storms.  
My animosity separates  
truth and lies,  
still I ache.



## Death's Womb

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She said I suffer  
because I dwell  
in the light where  
pain festers, stimulating  
torment's reign.  
I scried - eyes focused  
on the flame  
within her abdomen.  
Death's womb opened.  
I entered and saw  
her - freedom.



## CHAPTER 2 AUTONOMY

## Desecrated Feathers

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Time taunts my flesh,  
begging me to sever  
ties with desecrated  
feathers, but I cling  
to dead birds, hoping  
my last breath will  
rejuvenate their flight.

## Nine

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Truths - that thing that lies  
underneath the graves we dug -  
beyond six feet, closer to nine -  
that divine number. Three eyes -  
one for the mind, one for the soul,  
one for the heart - unsynced  
through life, rejoined through death.

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