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i am fearless i  
braid lions' manes  
with my teeth

i climb up the  
moon's trailing  
beard  
and dance  
from constellation  
to constellation  
without ever  
glancing  
    down.

i kiss  
Orion's  
fiery cool  
lips and  
swim  
in the  
Big  
Dipper.

Joan of Arc, i  
calmly close  
my eyes  
among the  
flames that lick  
my toes.  
i

lead  
lost souls  
to battle.

i stare  
at Death  
and stalk  
him close  
enough to  
smell the  
cold stench  
that flows from  
his mouth.  
his grimness  
melts when  
i whisper in  
his ear and he chuckles.

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