

Hymn to Breaking Strain (abridged, 3 voice version)

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Voice 1
The care - ful text - books mea sure (Let all who build be-ware!)

Voice 2
The care - ful text - books mea sure (Let all who build be-ware!)

Voice 3
The care - ful text - books mea sure (Let all who build be-ware!)

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V1
the load, the shock, the pressure ma - te - ri - al can bear. So

V2
the load, the shock, the pressure ma - te - ri - al can bear. So

V3
the load, the shock, the pressure ma - te - ri - al can bear. So

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V1
when the buck led gir der lets down the grind ing span, the

V2
when the buck led gir der lets down the grind ing span, the

V3
when the buck led gir der lets down the grind ing span, the

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V1
blame of loss, or murder, is laid u-pon the man.

V2
blame of loss, or murder, is laid u-pon the man.

V3
blame of loss, or murder, is laid u-pon the man.

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V1
Not on the steel — the man. But in our dai ly dea ling with

V2
Not on the steel — the man. But in our dai - ly dea ling with

V3
Not on the steel — the man.

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V1
stone and steel, we find the gods have no such feeling of

V2
stone and steel, we find the gods have no such feeling of

V3

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V1
jus-tice toward man - kind. To no set gauge they make us — for

V2
jus-tice toward man - kind. To no set gauge they make us — for

V3

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V1
no laid course pre-pare — in time they o ver take us with

V2
no laid course pre-pare — in time they o - ver-take us with

V3

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V1
loads we can not bear: toomer-ci-less to bear. We

V2
loads we can-not bear: toomer-ci-less to bear. We

V3
We

41

V1
on ly in cre-a - tion (how much luck-i - er the bridge and rail) a -

V2
on - ly in cre-a - tion (how much luck-i - er the bridge and rail) a -

V3
on - ly in cre-a - tion (how much luck-i - er the bridge and rail) a -

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V1
bide the twin dam - na-tion to fail and know we fail. Yet we— by which sole

V2
bide the twin dam - na-tion to fail and know we fail. Yet we— by which sole

V3
bide the twin dam - na-tion to fail and know we fail. Yet we— by which sole

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V1
to ken we know we once were gods, — take shame in be-ing

V2
to ken we know we once were gods — take shame in be-ing

V3
to ken we know we once were gods — take shame in be-ing

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V1 broken how-ev - er great the odds — The bur - den or the

V2 broken how-ev - er great the odds — The bur - den or the

V3 broken how-ev - er great the odds — The bur - den or the

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V1 odds. O veiled and se - cret power whose

V2 odds. O veiled and se - cret power whose

V3 odds. O veiled and se - cret power whose

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V1 paths we seek in vain, be with us in our hour of o - ver throw and

V2 paths we seek in vain, be with us in our hour of o - ver throw and

V3 paths we seek in vain, be with us in our hour of o - ver throw and

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V1
 pain; that we— by which sure token — we know thy ways are true in

V2
 pain; that we— by which sure token — we know thy ways are true

V3
 pain; that we— by which sure token — we know thy ways are true

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V1
 spite of be-ing broken

V2
 Or be - cause of be-ing broken

V3
 (rest)

80

V1
 Rise up and build a - new. Stand up and build a - new!

V2
 Rise up and build a - new. Stand up and build a - new!

V3
 Rise up and build a - new. Stand up and build a - new!