HROUGH THE LENS OF ASH WEDNESDAY

"Forgive Them, Father"

By Adrianna Ford

Forgive them father for they know not what they do Their arrogance has cost them their inheritance Their false sense of security has cost them their peace They exchanged it in turn for lies They think we are fatherless but they've lost sight of the father They think we are poor but they don't have Love to give Our pursuers fall into their own traps and blame us for their pain We've been slaves, we've been lost, we've been sold yet they are the ones with lost souls Have mercy O Lord as you place our queens back on their thrones As you give our Kings the ability to lead again Have mercy on those who thought they won Their battlefield is a child's playground and their battle plan is a poorly drawn map Redeem all that was lost and give them back their sight so they may again be our brothers and sisters Bless them to see the pain they are inflicting, the opportunities they are missing and the knowledge they are forgoing And bless us, with the courage, to receive them once again with open arms