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## Your Path Versus Mine

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You don't understand the power you have,  
the path was paved for you like sand on a beach  
mine was filled with overgrown willows.  
Your path, straight and narrow—  
no possible way of getting lost.  
I feared the Big Bad Wolf around every corner,  
the Evil Witch never failed to tell me I'd  
*never* reach the end of the Dark Forest.

It is not your fault you don't understand.  
Your bubble muffles the true struggles around  
you.  
Yes, you know you are privileged but do you understand  
the extent?  
Your blindness, an acid with a common name,  
take a guess.

My experience is a culture. It is one  
only we few experience. Especially  
in this private, secluded world on a bluff.  
We're around more than you think. We  
have our Guiding Wizards and Fairy God Mothers.  
They don't tell us the exact road out of the Forests,  
but they give us spells and books needed to make  
it out in that world.

You may not understand your clear made path,  
but know that my dragons conquered  
are ones that have given a great reward.