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## **Tigress**

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I walk the path of freedom Come join me, my sisters My slowest stealth is faster Than any pathetic scheme. A Tigress lives inside me.

No cage exists to hold me, My grandeur can never be taken, The glory of my skin is not for men To walk on or have as trophy. A Tigress lives inside me.

Unleashed in every beat of my heart, Flashing in every blink of these eyes — Unbridled power. Feminine force. It's what keeps my fire raging. A Tigress lives inside me.

In the proud arch of our necks, We balance majesty and grace. Greatness is ours. Goddesses we are. Poetess power and Tigress spirit incite. A Tigress lives inside me. Never will my spirit bow, Skywards will always be my glance, Verdant is my possibility. Come join me on this path, my sisters. A Tigress lives inside me.

Empowerment. Enlightenment. Independence. Freedom to be... Our womanhood makes us royalty. We rule the future with our wombs. A Tigress lives inside me...