

## **Fire**

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Providing warmth to mankind while gripping destruction in its fingers  
Possessing the ability to obliterate a lifetime of dedication in minutes.

Warming mankind since the beginning of time  
Observing humans huddle around its pit  
Feeling a purpose to its existence.

Watching society build up in its wake  
Recognizing its new use to humans  
Feeling enslaved to man's new inventions.

Jealousy pumping through its orange flames  
Disgust floating into its pit of ashes  
Disappointment in its burning heart.

Accessing anger  
Destroying man's work  
Rising higher and higher after every addition to the glowing hearth.

Destroying books  
Killing artwork  
Stealing cities for its ashes

Cowering in its pit as the phoenix rises from a smoldering city  
Screaming as the majestic bird hovers over it  
Watching as the phoenix flies into the distance, symbolizing a new hope.

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