

[one-and-a-half poems...]

*dedicated to Fraser Lang, and the beautiful souls of Hat Creek
and the Nations of Ish*

sung to The Gates of Eden

this time of my existence

salmon fighting home

the reward for my persistence

to dwell among my bones

burning through the river

so that something may continue

the only gift that I have left

to feed the forest

[Coda...]

sung to blackbird
nothing was ever mine
not even my life
not even this

~ David Haenke

“The Salmon Song” was written by Fraser Lang. See a rendition of it here: <https://vimeo.com/63007813>

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