

## Paradoxes

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water taught me  
strength  
by first yielding  
then overcoming  
with persistent  
caresses.

nothing is able to bruise water;  
everything succumbs  
before the relentless  
yielding power of  
water.

if you would be victorious  
learn first to yield  
then quietly and gently persist;  
your enemies are vanquished thereby.

learn LOVE  
from those that abuse and hate  
you;  
Love is not strengthened by ease,  
it is fortified  
in the face of horrendous  
abuse.

forgive those that torture  
you;  
forgiveness  
would see your torturers  
driven insane  
destroyed,  
physically and psychologically  
ruined.

learn FREEDOM  
by first *surrendering*;

offer selfless service  
and assistance to all beings  
in distress  
it is only ignorance that

offers resistance -  
surrender releases everything  
held captive  
whether of one's own making  
or by imposition.

finally,  
achieve IMMORTALITY  
by dying daily -  
the wise understand.

<http://cleaves.zapto.org/news/story-2058.html>

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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-106.html>