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Skuttling, clawing
talons of fire
jewels stuck like dirt under fingernails
rubies, not mud
great lizard
eyes cold flame
slit, like a cat
crouch, like a cat
purr, like a mighty cat

Show me your wings
your glorious wings
looking like gossamer
stronger than flesh
ripple in the wind

Breath of a dragon
steaming and moist
hot as a sauna
on a cold finnish night
tongue like asbestos
teeth like a cage
Most Ancient Worm!

Show me your secrets
we both know they're safe
I'm not going anywhere