CHALLENGE

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D                A        Em             A
Must have been a dream -- what else then could it be?
D           A       G                A
Opened up a door to see what lies outside of me.
G                   A             F#m             G
Something was there sleeping -- I swear I did not know.
  D         C      Em            A      D
I gave it a little nudge just to say hello.

Kaleidoscope of light -- for a moment I was blind.
While I could not see, it lodged itself inside my mind.
I snapped back through the doorway -- I tried but could not flee.
The light turned to darkness, the darkness inside of me.

      (Chorus)
      D                                C             Em        A
      I'll not run from the lightning, flee from the thunder's sound.
      D                        C         Em       A
      Here is the place I have chosen to stand my ground!
          G                   F#m             C                    D
      And though the wind may lash at me, the rain still dares not fall.
      D         C        Em               A           D
      Living or dying, I swear that I'll still stand tall.

Now a week has passed -- the thing grows stronger every day.
It summons up the storm to try to frighten me away.
But I have watched it working -- its power is mine to share.
I cry for the battle -- come face me now if you dare!

        F#m                 G             A              F#m
      I think that you're a coward -- you fight by sneak attack.
                Em                A                    Em                A
      And your power is weak without me -- that's why you're not going back.
      F#m       G                 A              F#m
      None need die today -- just leave me to be free.
      Em               A                 Em              A
      Two may die, but if one dies, that one will not be me!

(Chorus)
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Teri Lee had asked me to see if I could write some more cheerful material when I was getting ready to put together ***The Grim Roper****. When I pulled out this song, she replied, "That's not cheerful. That's just belligerent."*

Well, it was progress. Technical Difficulties covered this song on one of their albums, which is one of the few times that's happened to me. Cool!