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Hail

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HAIL

All hail the freaks

All hail the ones who wear it on their sleeves

All hail the colorful in dress

the colorful in language

the colorful in flesh

flesh marked in ink and steel

colorful hair flowing in waves

life flowing in broad brush strokes

flowing in song and story

All hail the wild outsiders

wild men and women

and wild beings who refuse categorization

who refuse cultural norms

who refuse stigma

All hail the humanists

All hail the lovers

lovers of life and all who live it

live it fully engaged

live it with eyes open

live it with joyous hearts

All hail the faithful heretics shouting crazed in the night

All hail the manic voices echoing

All hail the truth speakers

truth from within

and truth of the world

truth outside of judgment and bias

truth that resonates in hearts and heads and hands

All hail the great variety that confronts illusions of conformity

that confronts the forced bland narratives

All hail the ones working toward tomorrow

All hail the ones living in the moment

All hail the freaks