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It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll.
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

(excerpt from Invictus by William Ernest Henley, 1875)

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