

ELPIS

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Pandora loosened the spirits of hardship and pain,
Shackling humanity in suffering's chains.
There was death, disease, hatred and strife--
All of which would scar a life.
But one spirit stayed in that terrible jar--
Elpis, the spirit of hope, was most potent by far.
In this way, Hope will forever remain
To help and guide those who are in pain.

Many times in life, the soul becomes tired.
The heart and mind just do not feel inspired.
But Hope, unlike all, is never fleeting,
Forever burning, forever leading.
In the darkness of night,
Hope is the star,
Brilliant and bright,
yet it can seem far.

Hopelessness makes life seem clouded,
Blurring and blotting out the light.
So in dark times when hope seems shrouded,
Change your view, and let hope reignite.
When from life's great loads does your body ache,
And you just feel like you're about to break,
Look beyond the burdens you heft,
And see Elpis standing there—it never left.