

I am harsh, and hot and hard
I am the perfume-scented air
My earth is broken up and charred
My soil rich beyond compare

I am cotton and papyrus
I am drought and I am flood
I am lotus, I am iris
I am the Nile—your life blood

I have the desert stars for eyes
Millennia have swept by me
I am the pyramids at sunrise
And my body hugs the sea

I've had pharaohs sail my waters
Watched Kings rise up, then fall
Seen shades of Isis in my daughters
Raised my children to stand tall

I am before and afterlife
I am death and I am birth
Enduring famine, plague, and strife
I've raised the wonders of Earth

I am Egypt.