

## Directory of Destinies

- Believe it or not, the ancient Chinese 5-Agent Principle accounts for us all.

1/ Water (born in a year ending in 2 or 3)

*-helps wood but hinders fire; helped by metal but hindered by earth*

with her transparent tenderness

coded with colorless violence

she is always ready to support

or sink the powerful boat

sailing south

2/ Wood (born in a year ending 4 or 5)

*-helps fire but hinders earth; helped by water but hindered by metal*

rings in rings have been opened or broken

like echoes that roll from home to home

each containing fragments of green

trying to tell their tales

from the forest's depths

3/ Fire (born in a year ending 6 or 7)

*-helps earth but hinders metal; helped by wood but hindered by water*

your soft power bursting from your ribcage

as enthusiastic as a phoenix is supposed to be

when you fly your lipless kisses

you reach out your hearts

until they are all broken

4/ Earth (born in a year ending in 8 or 9)

*-helps metal but hinders water; helped by fire but hindered by wood*

i think not; therefore, I am not

what I am, but I have a color

the skin my heart wears inside out

tattooed intricately

with footprints of history

5/ Metal (born in a year ending in 0 or 1)

*-helps water but hinders wood; helped by earth but hindered by fire*

he used to be totally dull-colored

because he came from the earth's inside

now he has become a super-conductor

for cold words, hot pictures and light itself

all being transmitted through his throat