

*A Prayer by James Vincent Kulis  
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*Guardian Angel,  
Lay down your sword.  
Yonder sets the sun.  
Since I was young you kept me safe.*

*First chasing blue devils from beneath the bed,  
You looked,  
Long locks dragging,  
“Just bunnies of dust”, you said.  
You swiped the sword  
To show the way was clear.*

*Guardian Angel,  
Lay down your sword  
Yonder sets the sun.  
Since I was young you kept me safe.*

*Then in the school yard there  
We fought the foes and bullies.  
“No knives nor swords,  
Just fists”, you said.  
To fight and live another day  
Like you.*

*Guardian Angel  
Lay down your sword  
Yonder sets the sun.  
Since I was young you kept me safe.*

*I'll fetch the wood and make the fire,  
And I'll stand watch for you.  
As you for me when the jungle blazed  
With a thousand howling rounds of fire.  
I still see you, proud silhouette  
Against the burning palms you stood  
Thick shield between battalions and eternity.*

*Guardian Angel,  
Lay down your sword  
And sleep now for a while,  
As though you're still in heaven  
Not with me.*

*The choice was yours I think,  
To venture to the world,  
To find the one in need,  
To come to me alone.*

*We've traveled far so far.  
I, always wrapped in your shield and shadow.  
The reaper turns away  
Head down we see, bent in his cloak,  
He drags the scythe defeated.*

*Guardian Angel,  
Lay down your sword.  
A thousand campfires burn,  
The stars upon sky's hills immortal.*

*But comrades you and I for now.  
I am the stronger for I've known you.  
The sight of strength gives strength.  
There is part of you in me.*

*Guardian Angel,  
Lay down your sword.  
I hold the terror at bay.  
Dream now, I'll watch your back,  
Until the morning,  
When God's light again shall find us.*

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