

# Make me plow blade

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Make me plow blade, implement  
for the deep earth, forge me blue  
with heat, Lord of flame, blow  
strong the bellows, let the bellows  
sing, baptize me in song, let ring

anvil, hammer, iron, tong, away  
the slag, away the dull, draw me  
sharp as the chine of a scythe,  
sharp as sun glint, sharp as steel,  
Lord of moldboard, coulter, land-

side, heel, temper me raw in water  
and salt, mark me with ash, bathe  
me in flux, teach me syntax of edge  
and point, syntax of furrow, syntax  
of stone, Lord of harvest, fit me

to rend, fit my tongue to till, oh be  
not done till the yoke holds fast,  
the share proves keen, oh be not  
done till the ground gives way, oh  
Shaper of earth, of blade, of song