





## INCANTATION

(Vogue la galère!)

Mellifluous bile's entangling ooze, oh sweet suffuse This welling essence of Mnemosynean progeny! Disembogue this auspicating paraclete, inspiring Rhapsodist insatiate and perspicacious visionary!

Prolong Psyche! this pantheonic athenæum State: This inner aureole's array disseminate! Turn flywheel cog, Saturnal perihelion invade; Charites all triumvirate – Proteus full conglomerate!

Infuse ichor, gilt weaving honeysuckle ore! Maelstrom's epitome quicksilvering capillaries Enharmonizing intricate mechanicals to draw Converging distillate of quintessential spirits raw!

Encaustic Eos! Bright'ning Phoebe! – Aphrodite then entreat The unattendant muse alchemy's apogee at solstice meet! Let Roman candles coloured firework balls secrete And from her spleen ecstatic *ignes fatui* accrete!

Ethereal fluid filoselle inditing lovers' fontanelle Make Echo Narcissus repeat, assimilating great conceit! Pandora's Box inlaid spinel where cameoed maenads revel Wish bitter-sweet chimerical propitiating fates foretell!

Subliminal electric storm – peerless primrose's blue lymph warm: Rubicon to Art Celestial, ush'ring lightning's dart terrestrial; Confluent edulcoration, obviating exsiccation – Crystallize as panels sliding, endless japonoise beguiling!

Elite Phantôme of Western Wynde, Ithuriel's spear Greatness excind And mystic paragon infix, freezing ephemeron Phoenix! In stasis bind Euphrosyne, captured in locket or etui; Aglaia, Thalia join who'd flee – dispersed to fade in entropy!

## **NEITHER IS IT EITHER**

Neither is it either Nor the wind nor the trees Either could it neither Be the sighing of the breeze -Neither is it either.

> Being youthful we seemed truthful In our golden enterprise Til when older we grew bolder To appropriate old lies.

Rather we saw farther In the singing of the seas Farther than that rather Before pleasure swamped disease -Rather we saw farther.

Freeing dormant longing's torment Then our fellows we'd indict Until lately we'd seek greatly To perfect the law of spite.

Never should it ever Lift the pilgrim from his knees Ever to be never Trusted with the sacred keys -Never should it ever.

> Plainly we would vainly Falsify our world entire So that seldom need that beldame Regret teaching to conspire.

Rarely could we barely Our own bloated gods appease Barely could or rarely Lift the sword of Damocles -

Rarely could we barely.

To view any of the many Foreign mirrors once we knew Would instil us with the thrill Of fabricating masks anew.

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> All now partake of the heartache To maintain each creaking fable Little heeding inner pleading Unless mentally unstable.

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Oh how slower comes the sower Once amidst the worldly throng Aging mostly like the ghostly Silent wreck of human song.

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> Could we try to face the lie Subtracting self from paragon Or would almost all then prove host To some pale automaton?

Neither never rather rarely Ever farther either - barely.

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