

PLANET VENUS: HEOSPHOROS (Dawn Bringer)

*Outshining other planets but never rising high,
glimpsed in the West at nightfall then reappears in the Eastern sky.
Seeming close though far away,
ephemeral yet eternal, it heralds the break of day.*

A beacon to those who long for the dawn

Hail Venus! Star of the morn!

PLANET VENUS: HESPEROS (Evening Star)

*A new moon and Venus in formal alignment
stark against a winter sky,
the still, frosty twilight enhances their brightness,
no moisture or wind blurs their bold symmetry.*

*As if by enchantment, suddenly they appear –
the pale yellow crescent, the white evening star -
emblems of the heavens as seen from afar,
reigning in splendour alone at this hour,
no other bodies mar their hemisphere.*

THERE AND BACK

*If you take the road to nowhere
you must go back the way you came,
no sidetracks there or byways –
all distant prospects appear the same.....*

*no landmarks or topography,
no flora but willow and sedge,
nothing to follow but the onward path
stretching away from the naked eye,
no sound but the wind through the reeds in the marsh,
no other destination but the sky.*

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EPILOGUE

*In the land of lost opportunities
where occasions didn't arise
resides a little part of me,
that part that never dies.*

*Soul and body, body and soul -
an unrequited spirit that lies
untouched beneath the wide fen skies.*

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