

Charge of the Goddess

Hear ye the words of the Star Goddess
The dust of whose feet are the hosts of heaven
She whose body encircles the universe.
I am the beauty of the green earth
And the white moon amongst the stars
And the mystery of the waters
And the desire in human hearts
Call unto your soul
Arise and come unto me
For I am the soul of nature
Who gives life to the universe
From me all things proceed
And unto me all things must return
Before my face, beloved of all
Let your divine innermost self be enfolded
In the rapture of the infinite
Let my worship be in the heart that rejoices
For behold, all acts of love and pleasure
Are my rituals
And therefore, let there be beauty
And strength and power
And compassion
Honor and pride
Mirth and reverence
Within you
And you who think to seek for me
Know your seeking and yearning
Shall avail you not, lest you know the mystery
That if you seek me and find me not within you
You will never find me without
For behold, I have been with you from the beginning
And I am with you endlessly ...



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