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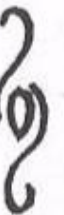
**DIVINE MAID**

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# CHAPTER I

When the first night had come upon world, the Mistress of All Things stood alone once more, as She had in the beginning. 2 For a terrible abyss had opened to lie between the world and She, and Her creatures could not look upon Her brightness.

3 And She stood in contemplation upon the waters of the first darkness; like a great Dove upon the waters She brooded 4 And She became absorbed within Her and communed with Her own Self; and Her light ceased to shine forth from Her, and yet Her light grew greater. 5 And She fell to Her knees. And the surface of the waters became turbulent, and the great waves curled over Her, and their white foam could not be seen in all that darkness.

6 And when the waters became calm again, the Mistress of All Things rose to Her feet. 7 For She had conceived a Daughter that was not separate from Her, but one with Her, and the child of Her Light.

## CHAPTER II

And She walked across the seas and deep into the forests of the earth until She came upon the deep cave that was at the centre. 2 And She entered the cave. And a star rose above the sacred grove that lay about the cave, brighter and more resplendent than all the stars of the heavens. 3 And the star was seen all over the earth; and the children of the earth were filled with wonder, and they came to the place where the star stood in the sky. 4 And those that were princesses among them brought their crowns to the sacred grove as gifts, and shepherdesses brought the new-dropped lambs, and all the daughters of the earth brought forth the fruits thereof to lay before the cave.

5 But before the cave stood a Genia of the Goddess, robed in a garment so white that the eyes of earth's children were dazzled, and with a countenance of such great beauty that it was a fearful thing to look upon it. 6 And the daughters of the earth covered their eyes and threw themselves to the ground.

7 And the voice of the Genia was like to the rushing of a thousand waters. 8 And she spoke, saying: Be not afraid, for a new light is dawning over the world. Be not afraid, but approach no further, for

if you cannot look on me, how should you look upon my Lady, whose handmaiden I am?

9 And her voice grew gentle, like the wind among the icicles, and sweet beyond all telling. 10 And she spoke, saying: This night shall a Child be born that shall be the Daughter of Light and the Princess of all the world. 11 A Child is coming that shall carry the light of the Goddess into every part of creation; even to the most desolate of the places of darkness. 12 Rejoice, poor wanderers of the earth and exiles from the house of your Mother, for to you shall come a guide and a deliverer.

13 And when the voice of the Genia ceased, a silence fell that was the first true silence since the beginning of the world, and the last that shall be until it end. 14 And the children of earth watched the sky as the first rays of dawn crept across the heavens.

15 And a cry issued out of the cave, saying: The holy Child is born from the most holy Mother; Light has come forth from Light, Perfection from Perfection.

16 And at once the air was filled with the daughters of heaven, and the sky was ablaze with the radiance of their joy. 17 And they sang aloud to the glory of the Goddess.

18 And when the Shining Ones ceased

from their song, the world became quiet again. And the star grew brighter and ever brighter, until it shone more bright than the radiance of all the host of Heaven; and yet so gentle was its light that the eyes of earth's children were not dazzled. 19 And the colour of the light was not one of the seven, but a wondrous luminance not known within the boundaries of the world.

20 And the Genia at the cave's mouth called forth the children of the earth that they might present their gifts. And the three great princesses of the earth came forward: 21 First the greatest of them, who ruled more land than either of the others and also possessed more treasure. 22 And her crown was of pure gold; and as she took it from her head, the light of the star fell upon it, and it shone with a glister more lovely than any earthly jewel. 23 And she laid it at the feet of the Genia.

24 And the Genia said: It is good that you bring your crown, for you are a great princess, but the Holy Child shall be Princess of all the world.

25 The second princess held neither so much land nor treasure, but she was a maid of deep wisdom and meditation profound. And her crown was of pure silver; and as she took it from her head, the light of the star fell upon it, and it shone with a radiance yet more lovely than that of the golden crown. 26 And she laid it at

the feet of the Genia.

27 And the Genia said: It is good that you bring your crown, for you have great wisdom, but the Holy Child is the Daughter of Wisdom Herself.

28 The last princess possessed but few of the world's things, but she was a priestess of the Goddess, and she praised Her in the morning and at evening and at all the seven hours of the day. And her crown was made from glittering crystal; and as she took it from her head the light of the star fell upon it, and she was bathed in rays of a thousand different hues, and the children of the earth drew in their breath at the sight of its beauty. 29 And she laid it at the feet of the Genia.

30 And the Genia said: It is good that you bring your crown, for you are a true and loving priestess and a servant of your people, but the Holy Child shall be Priestess of all the world, and shall serve Her children even to the last and greatest service.

31 And when the Genia ceased to speak, a new voice filled the air, more beautiful and more terrible than hers. And it said:

Her Name shall be called Inanna,  
For She shall be Lady of Heaven.

32 And the star vanished from the sky,

and yet its light remained. And the shape of the light became a vision. 33 And the vision was a vision of the Mistress of All Things, bearing in Her arms the Holy Child. 34 And for all the wondrous things the children of earth had seen that night, not the whole of them was one thousandth part as wondrous as this vision.

35 And for twelve nights the star returned to the sky; and on the thirteenth night it did not return. And this was a sign of things that were to come.

## CHAPTER III

**W**hen the Holy Child had grown to the full stature of maidenhood, the Mother of All Things took Her to a high place upon the earth, saying: To You I give the governance of all these things. 2 You shall command the movements of the waters, and the wind shall be Your servant. 3 The seasons of the earth shall You control, and all the times and seasons in the lives of My creatures. 4 Every soul on earth and in the heavens shall be given into Your care, and the highest stars of the firmament shall know You as their Sovereign. 5 For all these things must I put from Me; for they can no longer look upon My brightness.

6 And the Maid ruled over all the world, making the earth grow fruitful and attending to the prayers of Her creatures, and oftentimes making prayers of Her own that they might come closer to the Mother. 7 And Divine Light shone once more upon the earth, and the Maid was a friend to every creature, and all who turned to Her were filled with life, and with the peace that comes of wholeness.

8 For the waxing and the waning of twelve moons reigned the Maid. 9 And after the twelfth moon had appeared in the sky, the Mother of All Things called Her Daughter to Her, and spoke to Her, saying: You have made the whole earth fruitful and brought My light to all the world, have You not satisfaction in Your work?

10 And the Maid replied, saying: I have brought Your light to many places, and yet a place there is which remains ever in darkness; a place beneath all places, in which there is no light.

11 And the ways of entrance to that place are many, for there is a place at the bottom of each earthly soul into which Your light cannot shine.

12 And Her Mother asked of Her: Do You know what thing it is that You must do if You will bring My light into every place?

13 And the Maid replied: I know what

it is that I must do.

14 For She knew that She must descend into the nether regions, giving up the Divine light and going down into that place wherein is no light, but only the profoundest darkness. 15 And this was Her taking on of fate upon Herself.

16 And the Mother of All things removed the Divine light from Her Daughter, and blessing Her, sent Her forth, saying: Go hence from here, beloved Daughter, for You may no longer look upon Me.

17 And the Children of Heaven led Her forth, and praised Her in strange and gentle songs. 18 And the Maid set Herself apart to pray, and She prayed alone by the running streams and beneath the full moon, until a new light was kindled within Her, which was the pure light of Her own divinity. 19 Yet while the divine light of Her Mother was undying, the light of the Maid trembled before the winds of death.

20 And the daughters of Heaven delighted in Her gentle light, saying: This trembling light is the glory of all the heavens, and more glorious than all the luminaries thereof.

21 And the Maid answered them, saying: I shall carry this light into every place that is, even into the nethermost regions and the regions of death.

22 And they led Her forth and clothed Her in the white robe of the sacrifice.

## CHAPTER IV

The Maid took up the great Moon-Axe, whose silver blades were as the crescents of the moon, in symbol of Her light, and went alone into a desert place. 2 And, knowing that She had not the light of Her Mother upon Her, malefic keres gathered about and beset Her: keres of fear and of dread isolation, and every sort of restriction. 3 And they tore Her soul with their talons, crying: Hope is dead, for the light of the Mother is fallen from You. 4 You shall go down to suffering and death and none shall save You. In the illimitable emptiness of the universe shall You stand alone and none shall give You comfort. 5 In the darkness of eternal night shall You kneel to weep and no hand shall be put upon Your shoulder, but every hand shall be raised against You to do you hurt.

6 And the Maid was filled with trembling, but She answered: Go your ways, for what I have said, that shall I do.

7 And the keres spoke, saying: Be You led by us, and You shall have protection and all good things. 8 The whole of the world shall be Your fortress, and You shall

have wealth and magnificence that all the children of the earth shall love You.

9 But the Maid answered: How shall you give to Me that which is Mine? 10 For I am the Princess of the world, and all the children of the earth have been given into My care by the hand of the Eternal.

11 Then the keres said: The light of the Eternal is taken from You, and whether these things are or are not Yours, it is we that have the power of them, and we that You must obey if You will be saved.

12 But the Maid replied, saying: That which is right in the deepest heart of things, and in the centre of all being, that is right and none other; and the Truth alone is true. 13 Nor shall all the powers of the earth count against it, neither all the powers of the seas and the skies move it by the smallest fraction in all its vastness. 14 I shall obey none but My Mother, though all your power be turned in fury upon Me.

15 And the keres cried: Not our power, but the power of one far greater from whom our power derives.

16 And the Maid said: Thus may it be.

17 And the keres questioned Her, saying: think You that Your Mother will save You?

18 And the Maid answered: She will do

what She will do, and blessed is Her Name.

19 And the keres laughed, saying: Then are You abandoned to the uttermost darkness.

20 And the heart of the Maid fainted within Her.

21 And She said: Thus may it be.

## CHAPTER V

And the Maid journeyed down into the darkest regions until She came to the great gates of the Nether World. 2 And the gatekeeper cried: Who is it that comes of her own free step upon the realm of the Dark Queen? 3 And the Maid replied: I am the Daughter of She Who is Mother of all.

4 And the gatekeeper said: Give me your axe, and You may pass. And the Maid gave the great Moon-Axe into her hands, and the vast oaken gate swung open that She might pass through.

5 And the Maid came to a second gate, and was again halted by the keeper thereof. And the gatekeeper said: Give me the circlet from Your head, and You may pass. 6 And the Maid gave the silver circlet into her hands and passed through the gate.

7 And She came to a third gate, and the

gatekeeper said: Give me Your white linen head dress and You may pass. And She did this and passed bareheaded through the gate.

8 And She came to a fourth gate, and the gatekeeper said: Give me Your blue cloak and You may pass. And She gave Her blue cloak into the hands of the gatekeeper, and passed through the gate.

9 And She came to a fifth gate, and the gatekeeper said: Give me your sandals and You may pass. And She unlaced Her sandals and passed barefooted through the gate.

10 And She came to a sixth gate, and the gatekeeper said: Give me the silver girdle about Your waist and You may pass. And She unbound Her silver girdle and passed through the gate wearing only Her white robe.

11 And She came to a seventh gate, and the gatekeeper said: Give me your hair and You may pass. And She bowed Her head, and Her hair was shorn from Her, and She passed into the chamber of the Dark Queen.

12 And the Dark Queen spoke, saying: Are You the Princess of the world, and the Daughter of She Who is Mother of all? And the Maid replied: I am She.

13 And Her hands were bound, and the daughters of the Dark Queen taunted Her and beat Her, and pulled Her short hair. And She was dragged to Her knees before

the Dark Queen.

14 And the Dark Queen rose to her feet, and so terrible was her aspect that her daughters fled to the furthest part of the chamber. 15 And she turned her eyes upon the Maid, that have been beheld by no creature of the upper world. For her eyes are the eyes of death. 16 And the Maid, looking upon her eyes, became a lifeless corpse and a dead thing upon the ground.

17 And at the centre of the Nether World there stood a great pillar, reaching to the roof of that world. 18 And the daughters of the Dark Queen took the corpse of the Maid, and hung it high upon that pillar. 19 And above Her head they hung the great Moon-Axe, in symbol of the greatness of the deed.

## CHAPTER VI

Now from the time when the Daughter of Heaven had passed through the first gate of Hell, a barrenness had fallen on the earth; and neither bird had sung nor any flower showed its beauty forth; nor was there joy in any heart. 2 But when the Maid was slain upon the pillar of the world, an awful darkness fell on all the earth. 3 And the rivers of the earth ceased to flow, but drained away into the salt sea, and the sea ceased to move, but stood still in awful stagnancy. 4 And there was drouth

in all the earth. And neither maid bore child nor ewe brought forth the lamb. And every growing thing began to wither from its roots. 5 And in the nights were neither moon nor stars, and the heat of the sun by day was terrible.

6 And the Mother of All Things wept and walked in sorrow over earth and Heaven.

7 And the children of the earth prayed to Her, weeping for the world and for Her Daughter. 8 And in the darkness after the second day, a silver star appeared in the heavens, whose brightness was too great for them to look upon.

9 And the children of earth rejoiced, saying: It is the Mistress of All Things, come to seek Her Daughter. And the Dark Queen ordered the gates of Hell to be shut and barred against Her.

10 And the gatekeeper stood within the gate, and cried: Who is it that comes upon the realm of the Dark Queen? And She answered, saying: I am the Mistress of all that is, and the Mother of My Daughter. 12 Give Me entrance, for if you give Me not entrance, I will smash the bolt and shatter the gatepost. I will raise up the great gate of Hell and break it asunder.

13 But the gatekeeper opened not the gate. And the Mistress of All Things clapped Her hands together, so that the

whole world shook, and the great gate of Hell was shattered in fragments, and the nether regions trembled to the very foundations. 14 And the gatekeeper covered her eyes and fled, for she could not look upon the brightness of the Mistress of All Things.

15 And the Mistress of All Things came into the Nether World; and the six gatekeepers flung wide their gates and fled.

16 And Her Geniae took down the corse of Her Daughter, and laid it upon Her knees; and She wept anew, for none but She could know the awful depth of the oblivion in which Her Daughter lay. And She sprinkled on the corse the water of Life, which She had gathered from the holy tears of Her Own sorrow. 17 And Her Daughter rose again and was alive again. 18 And amid tears of joy, They embraced and were one. And after this, the Daughter stood alone. 19 And the souls of the Nether World were awakened by Her gentle light, and followed Her through the shattered gates of Hell.

20 And when they beheld Her, the children of the earth rejoiced, and the rivers flowed again, and the sea began to move.

21 And the children of the earth cried: Lift up your voices in song and laughter, for the Princess of the World was dead and is alive again, was broken and is whole; and there is no place whereto Her joyous rule does not extend. 22 Give praise to

the Mother of All Things and praise to Her Daughter.

23 Rejoice, for the world is renewed.

## CHAPTER VII

And as She walked, the children of the earth threw blossoms before Her, and though Her feet rested on them, yet they were not bruised. 2 And She reigned over all the earth, bringing all nature back to life, and all life back to the true law and rhythm of nature. And the whole world knew Her as its Princess. 3 And the children of the earth were filled with love for Her, and gathered about Her with tears of joy, touching Her robes and giving themselves to Her in their hearts. 4 And She gathered them together and taught them many things, saying: You have gained knowledge of the world, but I say, be not wise with the wisdom of the world, nor proud with the pride of the world, nor strait with the dignity of the world, neither lose your self in any of the ways and fashions of the world, but come to Me as little children in the pure simplicity of your hearts and the virgin innocence of your souls - for truly, all of you are children in the eyes of your Mother, and I shall receive all who come as Her children. Come you so to Me and all faults shall be forgiven. And She showed them how to offer

Sacrifice to the Mother of All Things.

5 And She said: When the time is come for Me to go from you, still I shall be with you; and shall never leave you, not for one fragment of an hour until we are together in completion. 6 But I shall unite you all who love Me in one great body; 7 The highest and the lowest, the living and the dead, those who falter at the door, and those who have climbed to the highest tower, all shall be one in My body which I have given to the world, and all shall be nourished by My Spirit.

8 And they understood Her not, but only wept that She must leave them. And She spoke no more of this, but taught them, and revealed many hidden things, such as might fill an hundred books.

9 And when the time was at hand, two Geniae descended, one on either side of Her, and She went with them into Heaven.

10 And the children of Heaven greeted Her, crying: Hail, Princess of the World; Hail, Queen of Heaven. And they placed a crown of stars about Her head. 11 And the blue night was Her cloak, and the stars of the sky the crown about Her head, and the moon lay at Her feet. And they cried again: Hail, Queen of Heaven.

12 And thus began Her dear and glorious reign. And for the children of Heaven, Her very Presence was the completion of their joy. 13 And She poured forth Her grace and

blessing from Her hands upon them and upon the earth. And Her grace and blessing were as rays of perfect Light which penetrate the heart and flood the soul.

14 And She said to them: Do not forget your sisters of the earth, but move yourselves among them and hear their voices; lend them succour and breathe with them in their upward aspiration. 15 And when a soul in true devotion passes from the earth, lead her to the portal of Heaven and the garden of Avala, and give her rest, and provision her with treasures of the Spirit to help her on her way.

16 And She entered the great Temple of Heaven, where the spirits of earth's children were gathered at the Sacrifice, even as their souls were gathered on the earth.

17 And She stood at the great Altar and took up a wheaten loaf, and spoke, saying: 18 Like to the corn, My body was cut down by the scythe of death; and like to the corn did it rise anew. 19 For I am the ear of corn that is reaped in silence.

20 And She said: Like to the grain was my body broken between the stones of death. And saying thus, she broke the bread between Her hands.

21 And She gave the fragments of the bread to the spirits of earth's children, saying: Here is my body that is broken for you. Eat My body, that you may be one with

My body, and may be one body in Me.

22 And She poured out Her Spirit from Her hands into a great Chalice, and Her Spirit lay as wine within the Chalice.

23 And She said: Even as you have offered Me bread in Sacrifice, so I give you the bread of My body; and as you have poured out libations of wine to Me, so I pour out the eternal libation of My eternal Spirit.

24 And as it is performed above in the Spirit, so is it reflected below in the body and the soul, and through the reflection do earth's children have part in the Real. 25 And so were the things that are told in this book reflected in the hearts of maids, that all might read them and draw closer to She that acted them.



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# Exaltia

Our Lady is exalted among the daughters  
of Heaven.

Shining Inanna, Star of the Sea,  
Robed in celestial light.

She abases the cruel and proud,  
And hearkens to the plea of the lowly.  
The rich who deny Her godhead find not  
contentment,

But blessed is the humblest of Her  
servants.

She delivers the captive into Her care,  
And takes the hand of the fallen.

May the whole world praise Thee, beloved  
Inanna,

May Thy glory be told of in all the  
earth.

Let them exalt Thy dominion

And Thy valiant courage

And glorify Thy holy Name.

Have mercy on Thy servant who gives Thee  
blessing

And take her hand in need and suffering.

In illness and distress give her the  
gift of life.

May she go forever in joy and delight

To magnify Thy holy Name

Before all the peoples of the world.

The earliest surviving  
version of this prayer  
is about 4,000 years  
old