



Beginning with the first breath & birth wail
solar shock of air in lungs
beginning with the clear white light receding
(precious human birth)
the first lurch is to suckle
to be swooning into wet white breast
where sleep is deep white wilderness
self-illuminated dream

until the gloaming of light in new eyes

Then dawns the ancient twilight
Still in brightness & baby sleep
the senses unfold in slow explosions
flowers blossoming in the
clear white sky

The first leaves of spring come into focus
unbearably precise
until the wind is full with deep green
summer leaves billowing in the
bright perceptual haze

Then dawns the sorrow for the other world
astonishment bewilderment

& the ancient fears of night
(wolf eyes glittering in the dark forest
beyond the fringes of the breath fire)

Then between the fire mist & the dark mist
dawns the apparitions
of the peaceful & the wrathful deities