

THE TRAVELER

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INTRODUCTION

There stands in front of you nine doors
To which I will through each a course
To plot, a plan, a journey to
Enrich your life as well to do.

We all have faced these times for sure
But taking steps as we endure
The trials, the tests, the everquest
For answers that must lie in rest.

Prepare thyself for adventure high
And I will guide you through a sky
Of silver clouds midst bluish hue
That ever part into a new

Dimension that will serve mankind
And lead to seeing from being blind
For as you'll see, this travelogue
Will lift you from eternal bog.

Now through door number one you step
And lo you see a being adept
At flight and speed, he walks on wing
And speaks his words as if to sing.

MERCURY

*"Be thou sure of what thee say
For what's said once will be the day
To know thy thoughts, that they be gold
For they will land on young and old.*

*Word and rhymes do make the song
For all God's children do belong
To the one, the universal tongue
That he doth spake, when he was young.*

*Thy thoughts are what is evident
In man's own mind so ever-bent
As words are spoke from untrue thought
Will make confusion to man's lot.*

*So, rest assured that if you will
Be true thy mind so ever still
That when thee speak, from thy true love
That thou will shine from high above."*

Now go thee well, to thy next sight
For thee will find a new delight
In learning truth for evermore
As ye proceed through thy next door.

Before your eyes, another door
From which you shudder to explore
But there you go; it is your due
To step right through door number two.

As you gaze at this cherished form
You feel a sense of love adorned
A cosmic rush of faith and trust
From man's creation, dust to dust.

VENUS

*(He/she speaks), "I'm glad thee came
For love and honour is no game,
To play a role not heaven sent
Will truly be decline's advent.*

*To love, it is so simple, see?
Thou can surely become free
Of all the chains and shackles strapped
Upon thy back what seems entrapped.*

*Remember when a child looks to
His mother/father to be true
To love with no condition there
Can only be what's ever fair.*

*And this is what a love can be
For all mankind, God's family tree
With thy neighbour show respect
As if you would in turn expect.*

*My words are end and now you must
Go hither to and do intrust
That what you want, you will for thee
And find it through door number three."*

MARS

*From far and wide, dark red maroon
Appears surround as though 'tis strewn
Throughout this land of strength endure
That makes you feel so strong and pure.*

*The warrior tall stands before thee strong
And with a face that doth belong
To all who persevere throughout
And stand against all cast of doubt.*

*Will find thee strength, accept what be
But never let thy faith far flee
Know the difference is chance
To follow through and sure advance.*

*Have no fear, for fear's design
Was not his nature to divine
It will destroy all faith and hope
And cause you to unable cope.*

*Face your fears with faith undying
Never you will fail for trying
Within your fears, your answers are
At fingertips, you, see? Not far!*

*Now boldly go where no man dare
And take thy faith for you will share
This everlasting fight for now
You will succeed and take a bow"*

*As you turn, bright red does burn
From deep within a need, a yearn
As this next vision will implore
That you must walk through number four.*

*As you proceed, immense weight lifts
As heavy dunes do turn to drifts
Many a coloured spectrum shows
Throughout your sight it ever glows.*

JUPITER

A creature great as all that be
Now stands ahead for you can see
His knowledge broad, his laws decree
A great and just philosophy.

(He thinks), "There are these common laws
That mankind deems replete with flaws
But know thee well and serve the good
These laws stand ground for brotherhood.

Study that which gives you mind
To think and reason for all time
And have thou knowledge of all that be
To make decisions that can free.

The heart, the soul, the mind of all
Who scoff at knowing that a fall
From grace can be done easily
For whom the bell tolls, needlessly.

Learn of math, of science too
Never leave God's word askew
'Tis the joining of this path
That will unveil to him a path.

Lighted ways and tempered ken
Will enjoin all thought in men
Lead the way to better life
Less of stress and ever strife.

At that the creature rises up
To hold you in his handed cup
To lift beyond the will survive
And lead you to door number five.

What ancient lines in this man's face?
That one would ever dare embrace
To ask of him, what he would teach
And would it be within one's reach?

You wait and wait so patiently
For him to speak that you must see
This must be one of his great tests
That he would'st speak at your request.

SATURN

*"My son, I'm old, a fettered soul
But this I say, it is a goal
That duty bound and actions taken
Will come around again unshaken.*

*As above and so below
Is one of proverbs as thee know
And what goes 'round, will come again
For this is sure as man's best friend.*

*Make sure and true thy thoughts and form
For it will lay your path untorn
For all your years to come and more
A future's life for what's in store.*

*Keep in mind, from day to day
That what ye do and what ye say
Will act upon a line direct
To your incline with no except."*

This point in time, old father said,
*"Have no fear, what lie ahead
Is there for you, a stone to turn,
Another view from which to learn."*

You now ascend to greater heights
These many stairs and many flights.
Finally land upon a plane
Of higher thought and greater gain.

You approach this path its end
You feel electric's pulse and then
You finally sight a point a fix
Step up to door numbered six.

What have we here? Not one, but more!
You stand in front of Many's door
And with a hum and buzz abound
They speak, but hardly make a sound.

URANUS

*"We welcome you, our sisterhood
For we will teach a common good
Think in terms of all mankind
And not to stand just one behind.*

*You are the we, just one of all
And would's't be good, accept the call
Higher thoughts, ideals of loft,
A freedom ring, aspire more oft.*

*A gift to give humanity
From inspiration's sanity
Invent the new and falter not
For you will find what they have sought.*

*Do not accept what man has said...
Cannot be done, 'tis truly dead!
For you alone can find a way
In which to guide them every day.*

*Although the one, you represent
A brand-new order, heaven sent
This new time will set man free
Long ago was once decree."*

*With lightning speed, they disappeared
And then you saw a smoke that cleared
The way, a next step from heaven
As you approach door number seven.*

*All at once you stand amidst
A greenish hue like dawning's mist
A spirit form appears most hidden
Who's outline shines through what's forbidden*

NEPTUNE

*"I came to you, was long ago
A mystic sign as if to show
The way of him, the Ever Be
In hopes that you would finally see*

*The ways of man, can lead to ruin
A jumble of much misconstruing
You think, you feel you do as if
The human soul to set adrift.*

*The body, soul, and mind of man
Must surely be enjoined and can
Lead all his flock to higher ground
Thus, opened eyes would's't sure astound."*

INTERLUDE III

*"The meekest, the most timid being
To be confront, all knowing, seeing
With shaking knees and humbled shoulder
A burning bush would's't never smoulder.*

*Instinct, a hunch that hidden voice
Pushes you to make a choice
Will guide you to those promised lands
Which are embraced in his two hands."*

*And with that said, your soul is sent
To what appears to be an end
For furthest out in reach your land
Upon the smallest rock of sand.*

*And there before you, dark and still
A path exists would ever fill
The deepest pit of man's desire
Doth beckon from murk and mire.*

*But in your heart, you truly know
That to this place you sure must go
For at the end, your spirit's gate
New life begins, door number eight.*

PLUTO

It's dark, it's cold, its depth is great
This place you've come to, number Eight
From farthest in you sense a voice
Who speaks the truth, without a choice.

*"With what you fear the most is said
To be that which might find you dead
But all this fear from which you flee
Doth really start to set you free.*

*Life and death is only one
Of many paths yet left undone
To fear what comes to every one
A battle lost? Nay, could be won!*

*This fear all people have is sent
From far below but is not meant
To scare the daylight out of mind
But rather be your way inclined.*

*Consider this, a tree is seen
To grow its leaves so evergreen
And then through time the leaves of all
Will drop to ground, like in the fall.*

*I ask you, what is signify?
For is this death?
Did this tree die?
Your answer comes for you must know,
that this tree sleeps, for comes the snow.*

*It is not death, but only rest
To come again at life's request
This is so, for me and you
That death precedes a life renew.*

*You are confused yes, I can tell
But this I say, I know so well
That all is not what seems to be
So, give some thought to what you see.*

*An answer to thy loss of faith
For on the mount, he stood and sayeth,
"If come to me, and heed my way
Your life reborn, new dawn, new day."*

So now you come to stand at peace
As Jason with his golden fleece
But 'lo, you come upon a sign
That says, "ahead, door number nine."

EARTH

As you walk through this final door
Expecting to find what's in store
This last and ending place to rest
Thy furrowed brow and heavy breast.

You look and peer to left and right
To only find familiar sight
For this is where your trek began
A circle made, complete as planned.

In front of you, there is now stand
A mirror which holds no demand
For there you are, yourself alone
Thy final test, was writ in stone.

For where're you go, so there you be
There's only you, yourself, and thee
All crossroads met, all questions asked
All answers shown for you at last.

'Tis up to you, with what you do
It matters not which foot you shoe
Because you see, these doors were meant
To guide and show that time is leant

To all God's children to unfold
What's ever there that was foretold
Would lead the way to peace and love
From so below to as above.

Now go and live your life with ease
And never let your strife appease
The torturing that's need not be,
Have love, live life and be set free.

If ever need though guidance true
Begin again and just walk through
The Traveler of life's implores,
Adventure high, through these nine doors.