THE MAGICIAN

[TRANSLATED FROM ELIPHAZ LEVI'S VERSION OF THE FAMOUS HYMN]

O LORD, deliver me from hell's great fear and gloom ! Loose thou my spirit from the larvæ of the tomb ! I seek them in their dread abodes without affright : On them will I impose my will, the law of light.

I bid the night conceive the glittering hemisphere. Arise, O sun, arise! O moon, shine white and clear! I seek them in their dread abodes without affright: On them will I impose my will, the law of light.

Their faces and their shapes are terrible and strange. These devils by my might to angels I will change. These nameless horrors I address without affright : On them will I impose my will, the law of light.

These are the phantoms pale of mine astonied view, Yet none but I their blasted beauty can renew; For to the abyss of hell I plunge without affright: On them will I impose my will, the law of light.

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