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ODE TO PLANETARY REACTOR
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O ! Wondrous, Wondrous
Orb of Life !
Irradiating Heavans' Light !
From Darkness; Beauty, Aphrodite !

Ah Wait-- NOT: Merely Lifeless
Mirrored Light,
NOT: Cold Galactic
Flash of Bright !

Although Some,
The Sun Hold Dearer;
Life Suckles,
Thy Warm Bosom Nearer !

Thy Be a Cooler
Smaller SUN Thyself;
Earthrind of Rock
And Glacier Melt !

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In Some Dark
 And Distant Waters;
Lie Life's Mothers
 And Its Fathers !

From The Rich Effluent
 Of GOD's GREAT WORK:
Comes Ephemeral--- LIFE;
 Its Warp and Woof !

A Hot Dark Breath,
 Of Rich, Dark Brew:
Created Microbes,
 Me and You !

Ten Foot Tube Worms;
 Blind White Crabs:
Dine and Dance;
 And Always Have !

Mankind At Last Learns.
 What Glows Below:
What Makes Thy Continents
 Come and Go !

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The Fires Below,
 They Make The Land,
And Wind and Water;
 Rock To Sand !

The Waters Run
 From High To Low,
Grinding Down !
 Upthrusts Still Grow !

The Wind, She Does
 Her Level Best,
To Help The Waters,
 Bring Down The Rest !

And All The While---Unseen,
 It Glows Below:
That What Makes
 The Mountains Grow !

In Natural Crucibles,
 Within The Earth;
At Blessed Places
 In Her Precious Girth;

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Mankind's Gifts:
 After Long Gestation,
Are Metallic Ores,
 For Building Nations !

Metals of Every
 Weight and Hue,
Are Transformed Therein
 With Surface Clue !

For This---Man Thanks Not
 Hapless Earth:
To Another Miracle
 The ORB Gives Birth !

From Fecund Wetlands,
 Time Still Dreams;
The Flashing Wonder
 Of A Billion Wings !

On the Edge of Sound,
 Of Those Time Stilled Wings;
Who Has Not Bathed
 In Warm Wetland Springs ?

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Warmed Below,
At Vulcan's Forge;
Life Giving Waters:
GUSH FORTH ! DISGORGE !

These Self Same Springs;
Have Given Life !
Through Eons;
To The Present Strife.

Urban Monster;
Indian Tears;
Rancher Waters;
And Wetland Fears !

Looking Up;
A Mushroom Cloud:
Unless Defanged,
Mankind's Shroud !

Unchained Atoms:
No Cover Of Earth.
Children Playing:
Cosmic Mirth ?

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MAN-----Ye Should Not Fix;
That Not Broken,
Use MY Heat,
The Earth Has Spoken !

Even With Proper
Design and Shielding,
Genetic Structure
All Too Yielding !

Diablo Dies:
The Devil's Name Is Right !
Goodnight Diablo---
Eternal Goodnight !

Earth-wave Strikes
Manmade Monster.
Earth-drake Triumph !
Earthlings Prosper !

Man DIES---Mushroom Fast
Or Poison Slow !
NO Mushroom Poison,
From The Glow Below !

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The Seer Sees---
Billowing, Clean White Steam:
Natural Answer
To Mankind's Dream !

Tapped Into
Natural Reactor Core,
It Lights Our Cities
With A Mighty Roar !

But Unlike Most
Of Mankind's Schemes,
Earthrick Energy
Brings No Bad Dreams !

Earthric Warm,
An Earthy Sound,
Earthric Energy,
The ORB Around !

Oh, ORB, In TRUTH
A Cosmic Actor;
Whence Comes Your ODE:
"PLANETARY REACTOR" !