

## Phantasia

[~~Cloudy~~/ Ethereal] Imagination

[Draped] in the colors of ephemeral inspiration and works unseen.

Twin to [Knowing] Memory,

Among those born of Earth and Sky, her share is small.

Hers is no great expanse,

But Father Zeus gives to her free rein in all the cosmos.

Unknown to many but a stranger to none,

Starry-eyed Imagination is companion

To all whose minds have ever wandered,

To all who have [perceived images and ideas untouched by the senses].

When, in the assembly, the poet sings

the deeds of kings and deathless gods,

She is there in the midst of all [who hear]

[Whispering / breathing] into their minds vivid dreams,

Beautiful visions to complete her sister's truth.

Indeed it was she who taught her nieces to inspire the hearts of men.

Aid to the artisan, oracle, and philosopher alike,

It is she who gives form to the unknown and reveals that which is yet to be seen.

Even among the Immortals is her company and council prized,

Most beloved Imagination

The old man,

Recalling the deeds and things dear from his youth,

Reclines to breathe his last.

His hands clasped

By Memory and Imagination,

He is led away into nostalgia.

Returning to the black-blue deep a final time,

[The current flows behind.]  
Sailing [over / through] waves of memories--  
Some vivid and clear as the sunlit sea,  
Others remain murky and dark as [starry] night.  
It is on those dark waters where Memory fails that  
Dauntless Imagination commands (*kubernaein*) the vessel,  
Leading both Memory and man  
through the [wondrous ~~and terrible~~ (*deinos*)] unknown  
On that [~~bitter-sweet~~ / painful] journey home.

Some have said that Imagination is no sister to Memory  
Rather, she is old  
Older than both Earth and Sky--  
The first breath of the yawning Abyss:  
Imagination  
Primordial and Eternal,  
Sculptor (~~*schematizousa*~~) of the Cosmos.