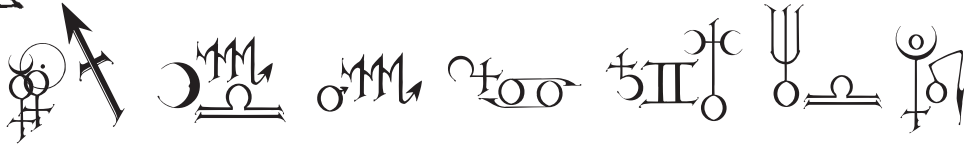


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Steel gray walls / glowing corners,  
Melded lines / invisible borders –  
So thick the fog before morning broke,  
Wonder to mind history's cloak.

Luck of the children you're still here,  
Of every creature far and near –  
Laser witted / motivated / energetic,  
Goal oriented / pure magnetic.

Trustworthy friend / human scholar,  
Warmth enlivening fatherly valor –  
Connecting the dots finding the pattern,  
What's going on pleads distant Saturn.

Are we locked inside a game,  
Love lost forever the ethics she names –  
To whom else turn to find the words,  
Awaken beauty from this absurd.

