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नासदासीन्नोसदासीत्तदानीं नासीद्रजो नो व्योमापरो यत् ।

किमावरीवः कुहकस्यशर्मन्नंभः किमासीद्रहनं गभीरं ॥ १ ॥

Then even nothingness was not, nor existence,

There was no air then, nor the heavens beyond it.

What covered it? Where was it? In whose keeping

Was there then cosmic water, in depths unfathomed?

न मृत्युरासीदमृतं न तर्हि न रात्र्या । आह् । आअसीत्प्रकेतः ।

आनीदवातं स्वधया तदेकं तस्माद्धान्यन्नपरः किञ्चनास ॥ २ ॥

Then there was neither death nor immortality

nor was there then the torch of night and day.

The One breathed windlessly and self-sustaining.

There was that One then, and there was no other.

तम । आअसीत्तमसा गूहूळमग्रै प्रकेतं सलिलं सर्वमाऽइदं ।

तुच्छेनाभवपिहितं यदासीत्तपसस्तन्महिना जायतैकं ॥ ३ ॥

At first there was only darkness wrapped in darkness.

All this was only unilluminated water.

That One which came to be, enclosed in nothing,

arose at last, born of the power of heat.

कामस्तदग्रे समवर्तताधि मनसो रेतः प्रथमं यदासीत् ।

सतोबन्धुमसति निरविन्दन्हृदि प्रतीष्या कवयो मनीषा ॥ ४ ॥

In the beginning desire descended on it -

that was the primal seed, born of the mind.

The sages who have searched their hearts with wisdom

know that which is is kin to that which is not.

तिरश्चीनो विततो रश्मिरेषामधः स्विदासी ३ दुपरिस्विदासी ३ त् ।

रेतोधा । आअसन्महिमान । आअसन्त्स्वधा । आवस्तात् प्रयतिः परस्तात् ॥ ५

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And they have stretched their cord across the void,
and know what was above, and what below.
Seminal powers made fertile mighty forces.
Below was strength, and over it was impulse.
को। आद्धा वेद कऽइह प्रवोचत् कुत। आअजाता कुतऽइयं विसृष्टिः ।
अर्वाग्देवा। आस्य विसर्जनेनाथाको वेद यत। आअबभूव ॥ ६ ॥
But, after all, who knows, and who can say
Whence it all came, and how creation happened?
the gods themselves are later than creation,
so who knows truly whence it has arisen?
इयं विसृष्टिर्यत। आअबभूव यदि वा दधे यदि वा न ।
यो। आस्याध्यक्षः परमे व्योमन्त्सो। आंग वेद यदि वा न वेद ॥ ७ ॥
Whence all creation had its origin,
he, whether he fashioned it or whether he did not,
he, who surveys it all from highest heaven,
he knows - or maybe even he does not know.

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