

Folkearth "Great God Pan"

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Once upon a time when mythic creatures thrived
My land was pure, the forests primeval still
And pagan reels would stir the crooked boughs
Surrendering them to the whims of the whispering
windÂ...
There flowers sprung beneath the cloven hoofs
Of an elder being-far more ancient than the Olympians
themselvesÂ...
The ancient trees know him by the nameÂ—Pan, what
lust runs through thy veins!
The Dryads alone yet sing his fameÂ—Pan, thy music
the Gods entertains!
Ten score Satyr squires
With nymphs sought delightÂ...thy flute is divine
O Pan, our music inspire!
Teach us thine art
The tunes that would win
The hearts of a nymph!
The ancient trees know him by the nameÂ—Pan, what
lust runs through thy veins!
The Dryads alone yet sing his fameÂ—Pan, thy music
the Gods entertains!
Pan, great god
Spread panic in our enemyÂ’s ranks!
We invoke thy name
In moonlit glades-grant us the gift
Of arcane prophecyÂ...
The ancient trees know him by the nameÂ—Pan, what
lust runs through thy veins!
The Dryads alone yet sing his fameÂ—Pan, thy music
the Gods entertains!
(Orphic hymn to Pan excerpt:)
Â“I invoke the brawny Pan, the sky and the seaÂ—I
invoke earth, the sovereign queen and immortal
fireÂ...
O friend of Echo, thou who dances with the nymphs,
thou who knowest everything, bearer of light, the true
horned ZeusÂ...Â”

I can hear the rivers lamenting and the willows
weepÂ...
Pan, our forests doth miss youÂ...

For now a loathsome Christ has dubbed you Satan
And cast thee in exile...
But your shrines are not forgotten—there are those
who still utter thy name
To restore thy glory and behold thee, Horned god,
enthroned once more!

(Orphic hymn to Pan excerpt continued:)

“Thou who changes the nature of every thing with thy
predictions and guides the race of men upon this vast
earth...

But come o blessed one, thou courtier of Bacchus,
come o inciting one, come to our holiest of sacrifices
and grant us a good life’s ending by dispersing the
frenzy of panic unto the four corners of the earth...”

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