

## Rush

# "Cygnus X-1, Book One: The Voyage"

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*[Prologue:]*

In the constellation of Cygnus, there lurks a  
mysterious, invisible force: the black hole  
of Cygnus X-1...

Six Stars of the Northern Cross  
In mourning for their sister's loss  
In a final flash of glory  
Nevermore to grace the night...

*[1]*

Invisible to telescopic eye  
Infinity, the star that would not die

All who dare to cross her course  
Are swallowed by her fearsome force

Through the void  
To be destroyed  
Or is there something more?  
Atomized...at the core?  
Or through the Astral Door?  
To soar...

*[2]*

I set a course just east of Lyra  
And northwest of Pegasus  
Flew into the light of Deneb  
Sailed across the Milky Way  
On my ship, the 'Rocinante'  
Wheeling through the galaxies  
Headed for the heart of Cygnus  
Headlong into mystery

The x-ray is her siren song  
My ship cannot resist her long  
Nearer to my deadly goal  
Until the black hole  
Gains control...

*[3]*

Spinning, whirling  
Still descending  
Like a spiral sea  
Unending...

Sound and fury  
Drown my heart  
Every nerve  
Is torn apart...

To be continued...

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