

## Rush

# "Hemispheres"

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### I. PRELUDE

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When our weary world was young  
The struggle of the ancients first began.  
The gods of Love and Reason  
Sought alone to rule the fate of Man.

They battled through the ages,  
But still neither force would yield.  
The people were divided,  
Every soul a battlefield.

### II. APOLLO: BRINGER OF WISDOM

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"I bring truth and understanding,  
I bring wit and wisdom fair,  
Precious gifts beyond compare.  
We can build a world of wonder,  
I can make you all aware.

I will find you food and shelter,  
Show you fire to keep you warm  
Through the endless winter storm.  
You can live in grace and comfort  
In the world that you transform."

The people were delighted  
Coming forth to claim their prize  
They ran to build their cities  
And converse among the wise.

But one day the streets fell silent,  
Yet they knew not what was wrong.  
The urge to build these fine things  
Seemed not to be so strong.

The wise men were consulted,  
And the Bridge of Death was crossed  
In quest of Dionysus,

To find out what they had lost.

### III. DIONYSUS: BRINGER OF LOVE

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"I bring love to give you solace,  
In the darkness of the night,  
In the Heart's eternal light.  
You need only trust your feelings;  
Only love can steer you right.

I bring laughter, I bring music,  
I bring joy and I bring tears.  
I will soothe your primal fears.  
Throw off those chains of reason  
And your prison disappears."

The cities were abandoned,  
And the forests echoed song.  
They danced and lived as brothers;  
They knew love could not be wrong.

Food and wine they had aplenty  
And they slept beneath the stars.  
The people were contented  
And the Gods watched from afar.

But the winter fell upon them  
And it caught them unprepared,  
Bringing wolves and cold starvation,  
And the hearts of men despaired.

### IV. ARMAGEDDON: THE BATTLE OF HEART AND MIND

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The Universe divided  
As the Heart and Mind collided,  
With the people left unguided  
For so many troubled years.  
In a cloud of doubts and fears,  
Their world was torn asunder into hollow Hemispheres.

Some fought themselves, some fought each other.  
Most just followed one another,  
Lost and aimless like their brothers,  
For their hearts were so unclear,  
And the truth could not appear.  
Their spirits were divided into blinded Hemispheres.

Some who did not fight  
Brought tales of old to light.

My Rocinante' sailed by night  
On her final flight.

To the heart of Cygnus' fearsome force  
We set our course.  
Spiralled through that timeless space  
To this immortal place.

#### V. CYGNUS: BRINGER OF BALANCE

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I have memory and awareness,  
But I have no shape or form.  
As a disembodied spirit,  
I am dead and yet unborn.

I have passed into Olympus  
As was told in tales of old,  
To the city of Immortals,  
Marble white and purest gold.

I see the gods in battle rage on high,  
Thunderbolts across the sky.  
I cannot move, I cannot hide,  
I feel a silent scream begin inside.

Then all at once the chaos ceased.  
A stillness fell, a sudden peace.  
The warriors felt my silent cry  
And stayed their struggle, mystified.

Apollo was atonished;  
Dionysus thought me mad.  
But they heard my story further,  
And they wondered, and were sad.

Looking down from Olympus  
On a world of doubt and fear,  
Its surface splintered  
Into sorry Hemispheres.

They sat a while in silence,  
Then they turned at last to me.  
"We will call you Cygnus,  
The god of Balance you shall be."

#### VI. THE SPHERE: A KIND OF DREAM

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We can walk our road together  
If our goals are all the same.

We can run alone and free  
If we pursue a different aim.

Let the truth of love be lighted,  
Let the love of truth shine clear.  
Sensibility, armed with sense and liberty,  
With the Heart and Mind united in a single perfect  
Sphere.

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