

## A PSALM

The Lord hath brought me into the House of Darkness; by  
stealth hath the Lord drawn me into Night.  
I beheld blackness that encompassed me; mine eyes were  
darkened in the house of darkness.  
There came into my nostrils the scent of a great river; even  
of a river that boileth secretly under the palm-trees.  
I lifted mine head, and behold, the Lord stood forth in the  
blackness.  
As a pillar of fire shone the Lord; as a devil that whirlleth in  
the wilderness of sand.  
The Lord hath veiled Himself in purple; the Lord hath ex-  
alted himself in manifestation.  
The Lord went before me into the darkness; the Lord hewed  
Him a way into the forest of Night.  
The Glory of the Lord was as the sunrise upon black moun-  
tains; the Lord shone forth as the full moon on the dark  
river.  
Then went I forth into the city, praising the Lord; I cried  
aloud in my joy, I made songs unto the Lord, the liv-  
ing God.  
I will follow the Lord all the days of my life, and in the hour  
of my death let the Lord lead me into the House Ever-  
lasting.