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On summer nights like this, the Moon grows full,
Grows thick with faery light, with fragrant depths
Of roses. The soul wakes then upon a bed of
Dreams, sets out from the lost islands of sleep
Through pathless forests to wrest from unyielding
Hands of angels the numinous treasure-spoils of
Ninevah. Beneath footprints grown deep like
Roots of ancient trees, the mystic path is lit by
Golden boughs as the underworld groans
Through the molten cores of island-forming
Stones. On nights like this, the soul descends in
Spirals, plummets down the vast abyss—falling,
Dreams of roses and the music of the sea.

