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### Abstract

Heart of the deer to a human heart. Eye of the deer to a human eye.

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# A Poem by David Sparenberg

## Amergin\*

Heart of the deer  
to a human heart.  
Eye of the deer  
to a human eye.  
Song of the deer  
to a human voice.  
Dance of the deer  
to human feet;  
to limbs and sinews and feet.  
And to the soul of beauty  
as a woman knows it  
And to the soul of beauty  
as a man may learn.  
Heart of the stone  
to human tenacity  
to gravity and strength.  
Memory of the stone  
to human dreaming.  
Story of the stone  
in a field, on a road, submerged in a stream  
story of stone  
to the human sojourn.  
And the chant of stone  
to a human poem.  
To vision and rhyme and rhythm of drum:  
to sounding of the drum of the human soul.

Heart of the tree  
to human courage.  
Roots of the tree

to longevity.  
To depths and the heights  
that a seed can become. Branches  
of tree  
to human prayer.  
Leaves of tree  
to the seasons of love:  
to the breath and sighs  
and the tears and whispers.  
And to the harp of human longing.

Heart of the dolphin  
to a human heart.  
Song of the dolphin  
to mortal ecstasy.  
Play of the dolphins  
to human joy.  
And the enchantment of dolphins  
to human magic and melody.  
To those, lucky, who are chosen  
by waves and whales and reefs and sandy shore.  
And by the depths of pipes of the ocean:  
the fiddles and pipes of the ocean.

Heart  
of the mist of time  
to the human mind.  
Heart  
of the moon  
to the human heart.  
Heart of the sun  
to the human soul.

*\*Amergin: the legendary first poet of Ireland*