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Some 17th Century Worthies

A Short Verse-Series Travis Du Priest

HOLY ORDERS

GEORGE HERBERT

All night.
 All night on coldest stone
 alone in a choirless nave, prostrate
 face to stone, bone to bone
 the broken heart beats
 its evensong: unworthy, I am,
 to enter beyond the veil
 you so graciously rent, yet
 which for poverty I cannot let.

RICHARD CRASHAW

All night.
 All night kneeling low before crucifix
 and lights, transfixed beneath
 these signs of wonder, in awe
 the reverend chaplain,
 pride of Peterhouse, his sacred
 heart and contrite mind
 holding back a flood of tears,
 keeping watch of his Lord's.

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MYSTICS

THOMAS TRAIHERNE

All day.
 All day into evening, watching
 the trees, their shadows and leaves,
 eyes, fore-heads, limbs,
 in the still pool, reflecting
 another world, the world beyond
 and past the horizon below –
 a world bright and illumined,
 peopled within.

HENRY VAUGHAN

All day.
 All day to the crest of the hill
 through the garden walks,
 slow, up, round
 toward the center, where
 the fountain crowns the summit
 in cool and wet mist,
 where rest is possible,
 perceived and enjoyed.

MATES

ROBERT HERRICK

All morning.
 All morning before matins in
 honeysuckled-tongued, cream
 of Devon, piper in countrypied
 verse, singer
 to lovlies, ladies, and squires
 all through the day to evensong
 dandy-shire parson, flowered
 altar, hymning in rustic praise.

SIR JOHN SUCKLING

All morning.
 All morning at least till elevenses,
 asleep from the night's vigil
 of love and drink
 or conversation, thinking
 on will of God or man, ill at ease
 with no one, parson and lady,
 gent or quean, friend
 alike to seemly and mean.

DEACON AND PRIEST

NICHOLAS FERRAR

All night.
 All day. All night and day,
 in vigil of prayer
 and work, with charity.
 The psalms to read, hymns
 to sing, the office
 to say, fast
 to keep, watch
 to pray, all day and all night.

JOHN DONNE

All night.
 All day. All night and day,
 sermon to search,
 to read; orations
 with a lover's
 eloquence;
 with his congregation
 making love to God,
 all night till the rising sun.

PLATONISTS

HENRY MORE

All evening.
 All evening gazing
 into the stars,
 Cambridge divine,
 Plato after Plato; his telescope
 of microscopic study
 in harmony of spheres.
 And souls.
 Harmony of spheres and souls.

KATHERINE PHILIPS

All evening.
 All evening with her friends
 in thought, in mind,
 her pen to heart,
 heart to page, eternizing
 appellations
 and fame, her matchless
 salon of wives,
 England's Sappho, Orinda!

CASUISTS

JEREMY TAYLOR

All dawn.
 All dawn into morning,
 the sun is watchful
 rise, a bubble
 in highest sky
 bubble of ethereal air
 likened unto
 the lovely gift of love
 bought with a bushel of thorns.

RICHARD BAXTER

All dawn.
 All dawn practicing
 his discipline of holiness,
 over writ and soul, writing
 the Sabbath in latitude,
 the presbyters way
 in grace and converse
 with his flock
 newly purified.

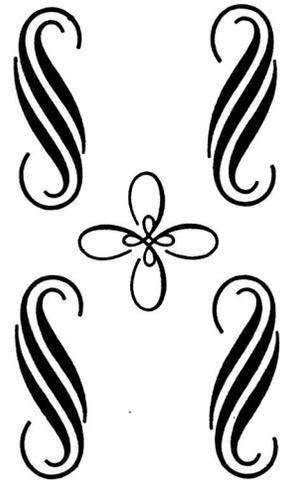
PURITANS

JOHN BUNYON

All afternoon.
 All afternoon over books,
 prayer
 and holy script.
 No fast and easy way,
 no ready predetermined
 prize. Only eager and
 piercing eyes in images
 for other who have eyes to see.

ANDREW MARVELL

All afternoon.
 All afternoon, the greenest
 rush of grass sprouts
 in his brain and hand
 on Bermuda's seas
 and on land, moving
 gardens of metaphors,
 trimming the robust
 sails of state.



Events of Interest

Inklings at Windycon X

The 10th Windycon, Chicago's annual regional Science Fiction convention, will have a special programming track dedicated to the work of the Inklings. October 7-9, 1983 at the Arlington Park Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Registration is \$15 at the door. Glen GoodKnight, the Mythopoeic Society's Founder, will be a special guest. Special exhibits, panels, films, and other events are planned. Write to Diana Pavlac, c/o Inklings at Windycon X, P.O. Box 432, Chicago, IL 60690.

**Darkover Grand Council VI and
 Mythopoeic Regional Conference**

**November 25-27, 1983, Radisson Wilmington Hotel
 Wilmington, Delaware**

The Mythopoeic Society's first Mythopoeic Regional Conference is being held this year in conjunction with the 1983 Darkover Grand Council Meeting. The conference will take place over Thanksgiving weekend (November 25th through 27th) at the Radisson Wilmington Hotel in Wilmington, Delaware. The theme of the conference will be "Children's Fantasy".

Guests

Carol Kendall, author of the children's fantasy novels *The Gamage Cup* and *A Whisper of Glocken*, is the Guest of Honor of the Mythopoeic Regional Conference. Her latest children's book, *The*

Firelings, is the winner of the 1983 Mythopoeic Fantasy Award. Other guests of the Darkover Grand Council will include: Marion Zimmer Bradley, Jo Clayton, Hal Clement, Katherine Kurtz, Diana Paxson, Hannah Shapiro, Nancy Springer, the Wollheims, and Paul Edwin Zimmer.

Papers and Panels

Debra Doyle is planning an enticing selection of panel discussions and presentations for the conference. Any who would like to help or participate should contact her with their offers and ideas. Papers are also being actively solicited on the conference's theme of CHILDREN'S FANTASY, or on other appropriate Mythopoeic topics. The final date for papers to be accepted is October 1st. Anyone wishing to contribute a paper should write to Debra as soon as possible to make arrangements: Debra Doyle, 529 Adams Drive #2-B, Newport News, VA 23601.

Membership

Membership in this year's Darkover Grand Council Meeting and Regional Mythopoeic Conference is \$12.00 until the 12th of November, and \$15.00 at the door. No memberships will be accepted between the cutoff date (November 15th) and the opening of the conference. All checks should be made payable to ARMIDA COUNCIL and mailed to the post office box address listed below. A membership ceiling of 500 has been set for the con, so we recommend that you reserve your membership early and enjoy the lower rates. P.O. Box 8113, Silver Spring, Maryland 20907.