



*A Love Story—  
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**A LOVE STORY OF THE EARTH AND THE MOON**  
(And Other Planetary Adventures)

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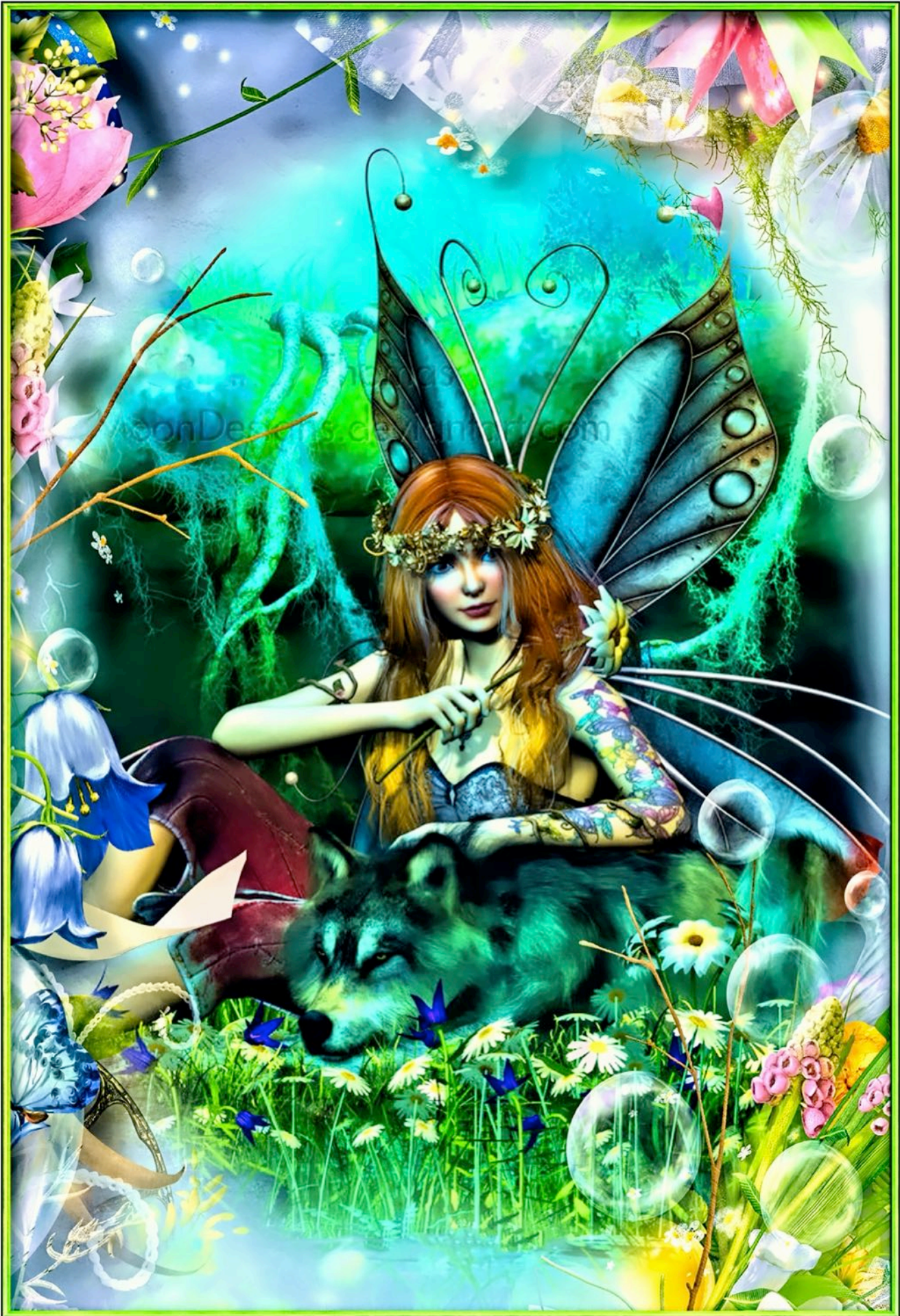
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I give no reason for love's passion planned,  
Since to do so would be but secondhand,  
For the Heart and Soul have many reasons  
That Reason can never understand.

WORLDLY LOVE —

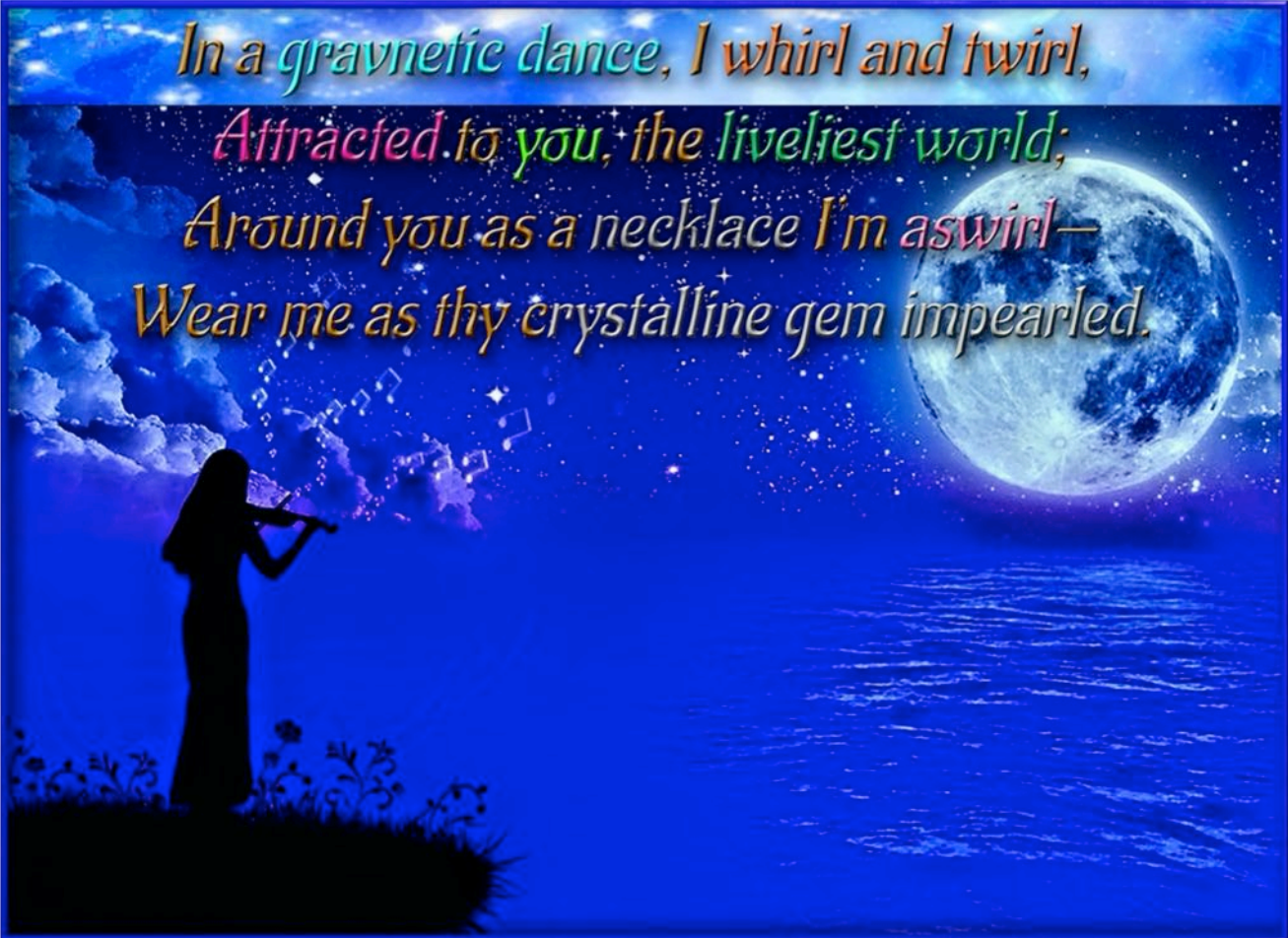
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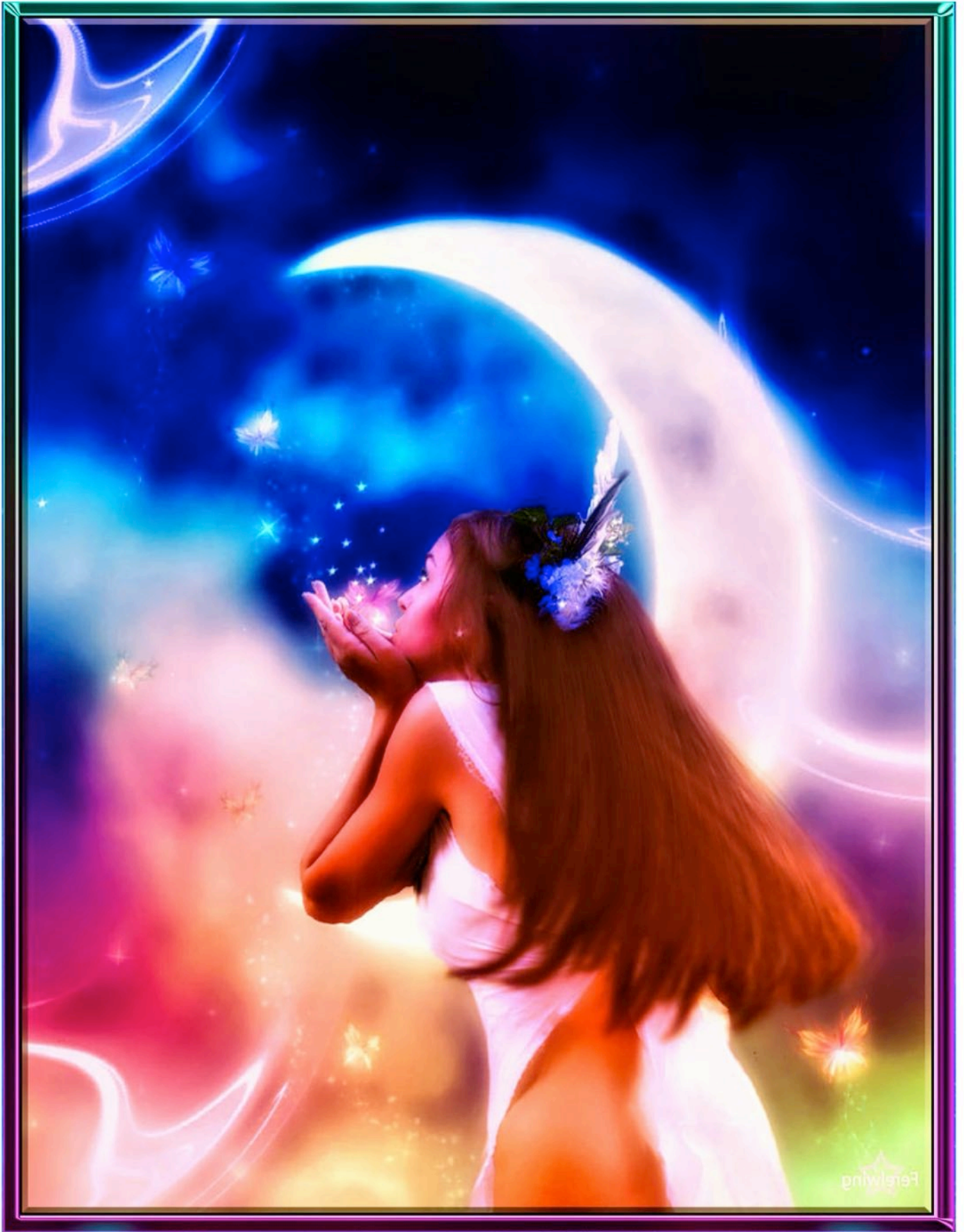
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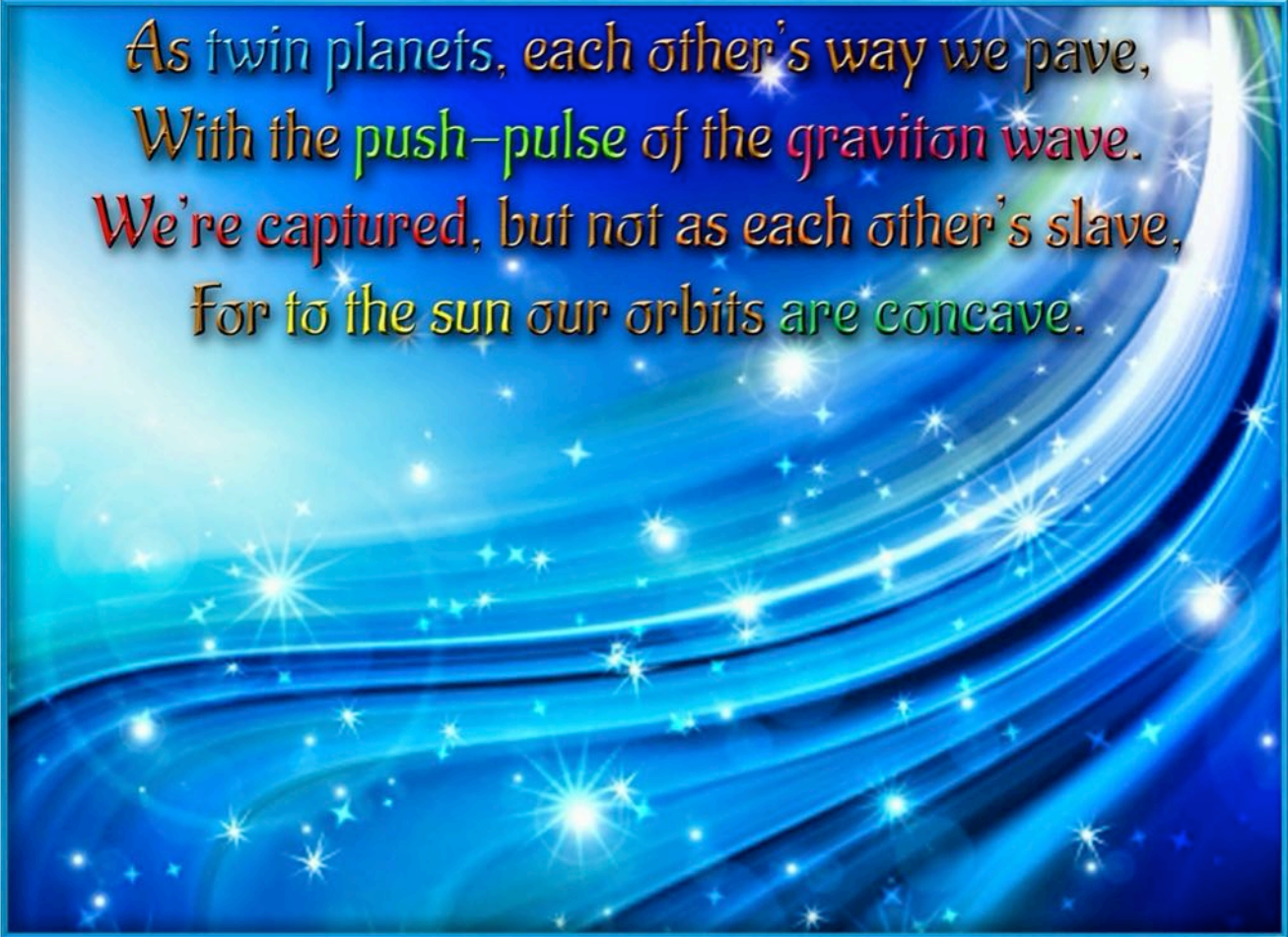




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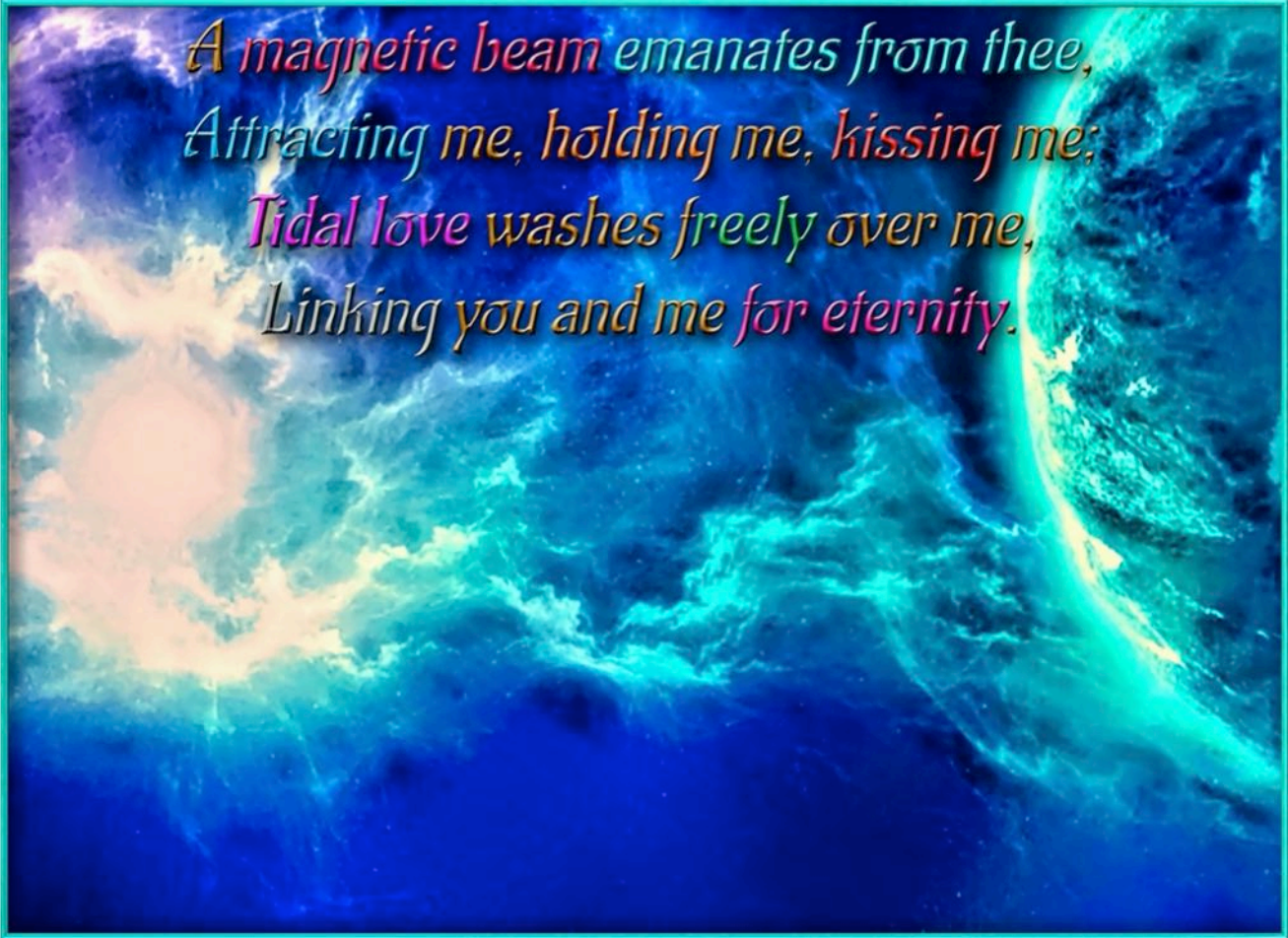
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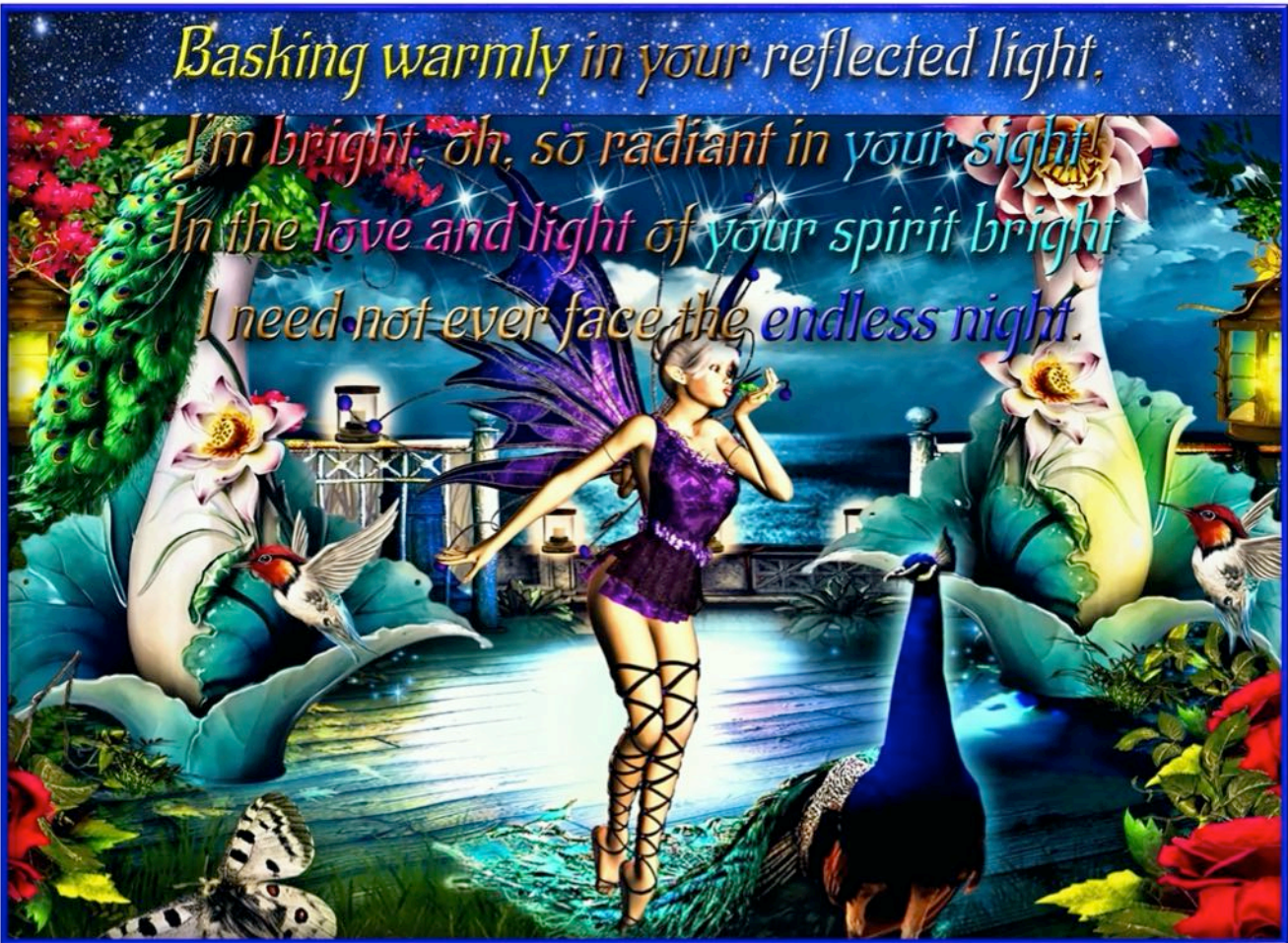


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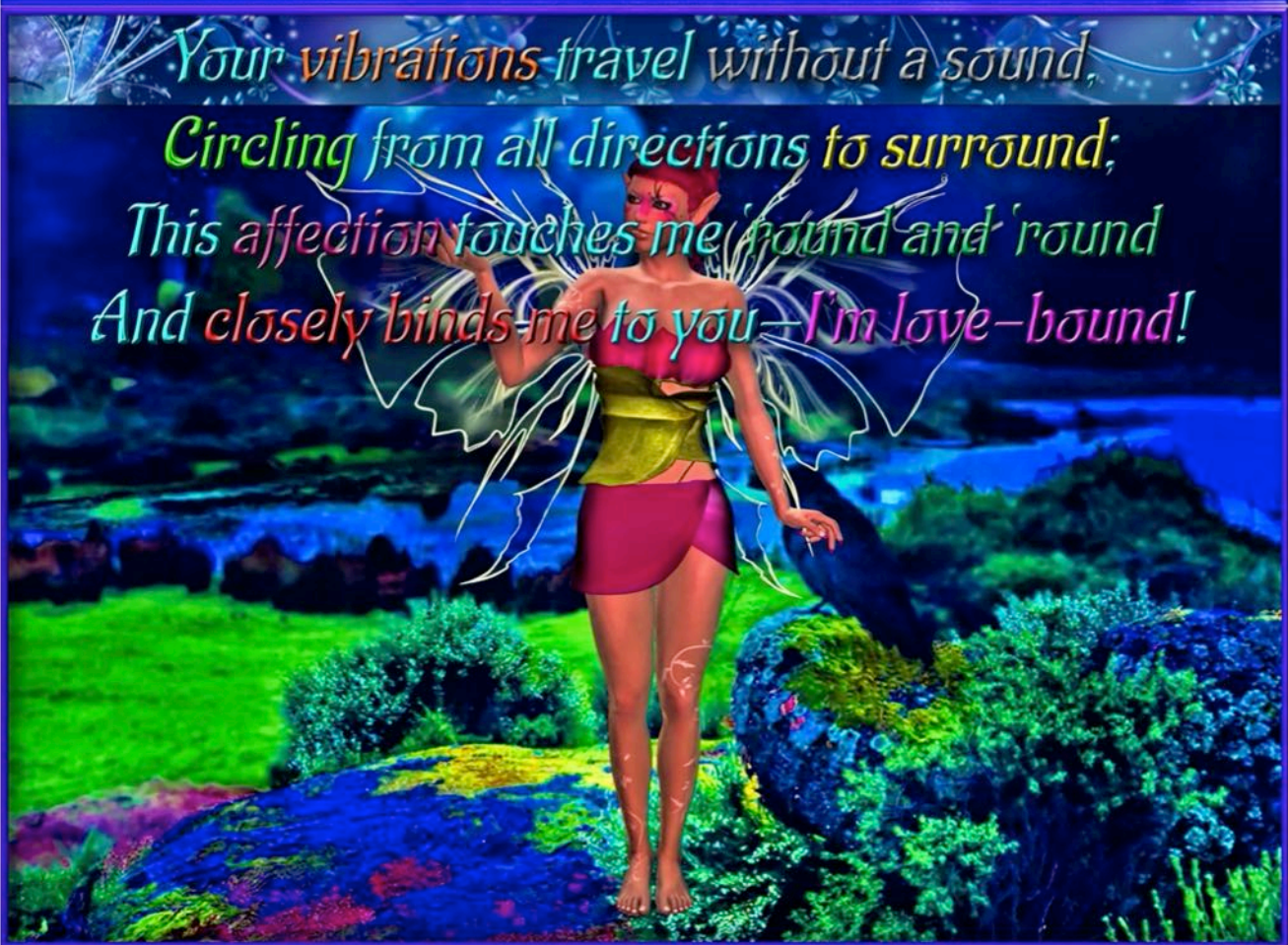


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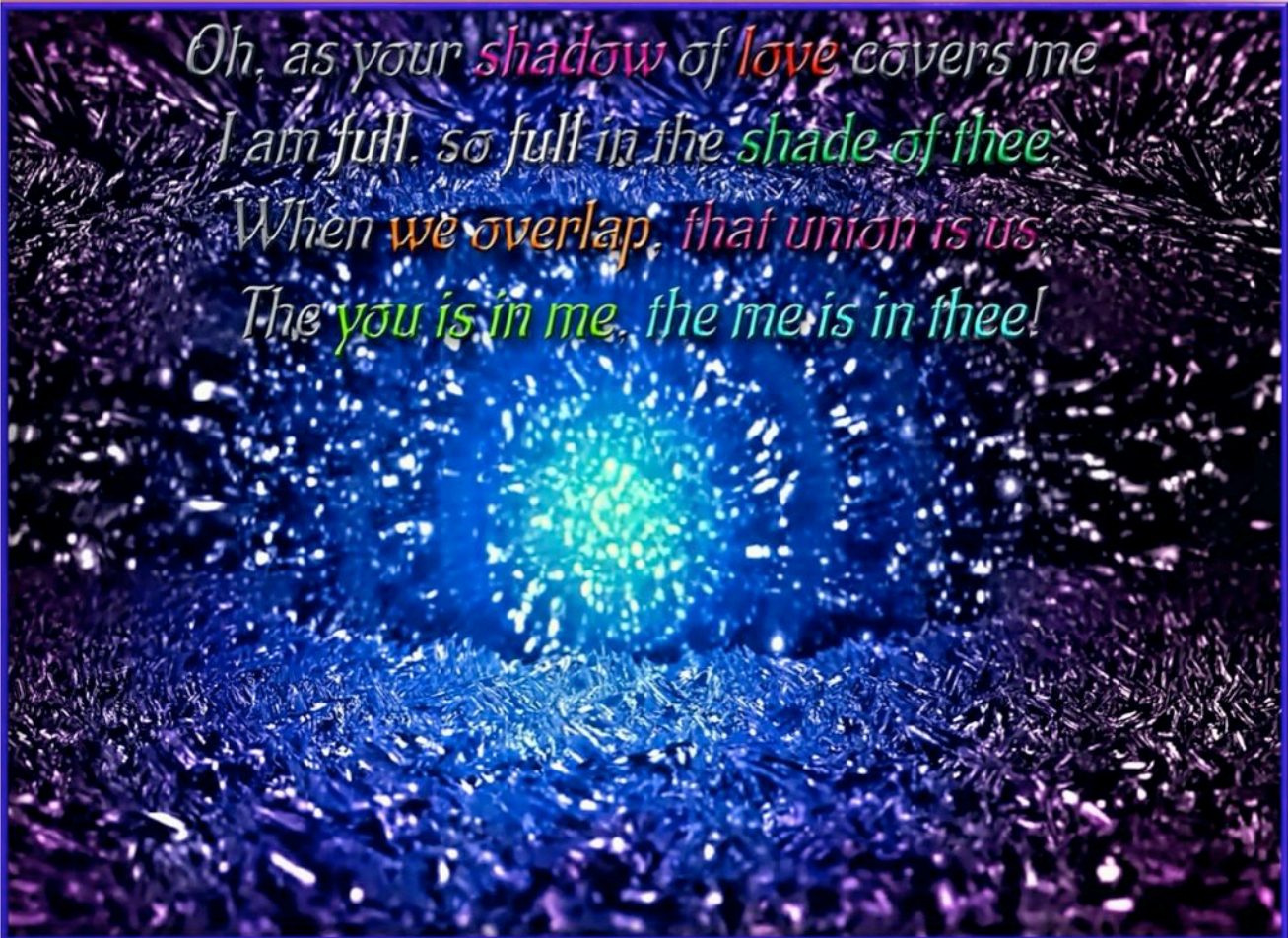


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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a green sequined dress with white floral patterns, stands in a vibrant, ethereal space. The background is a mix of red, orange, and purple hues, with a glowing planet and nebulae. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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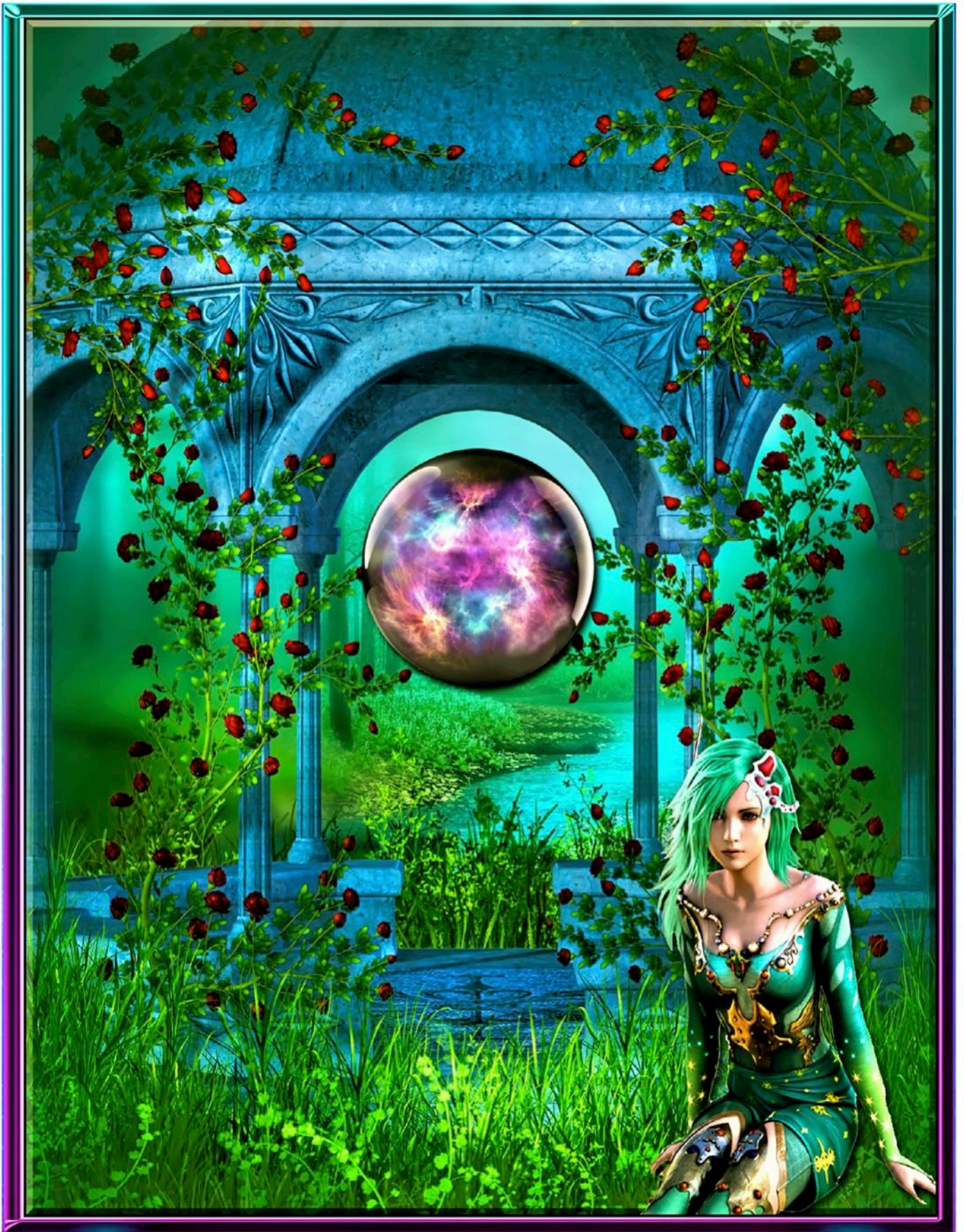
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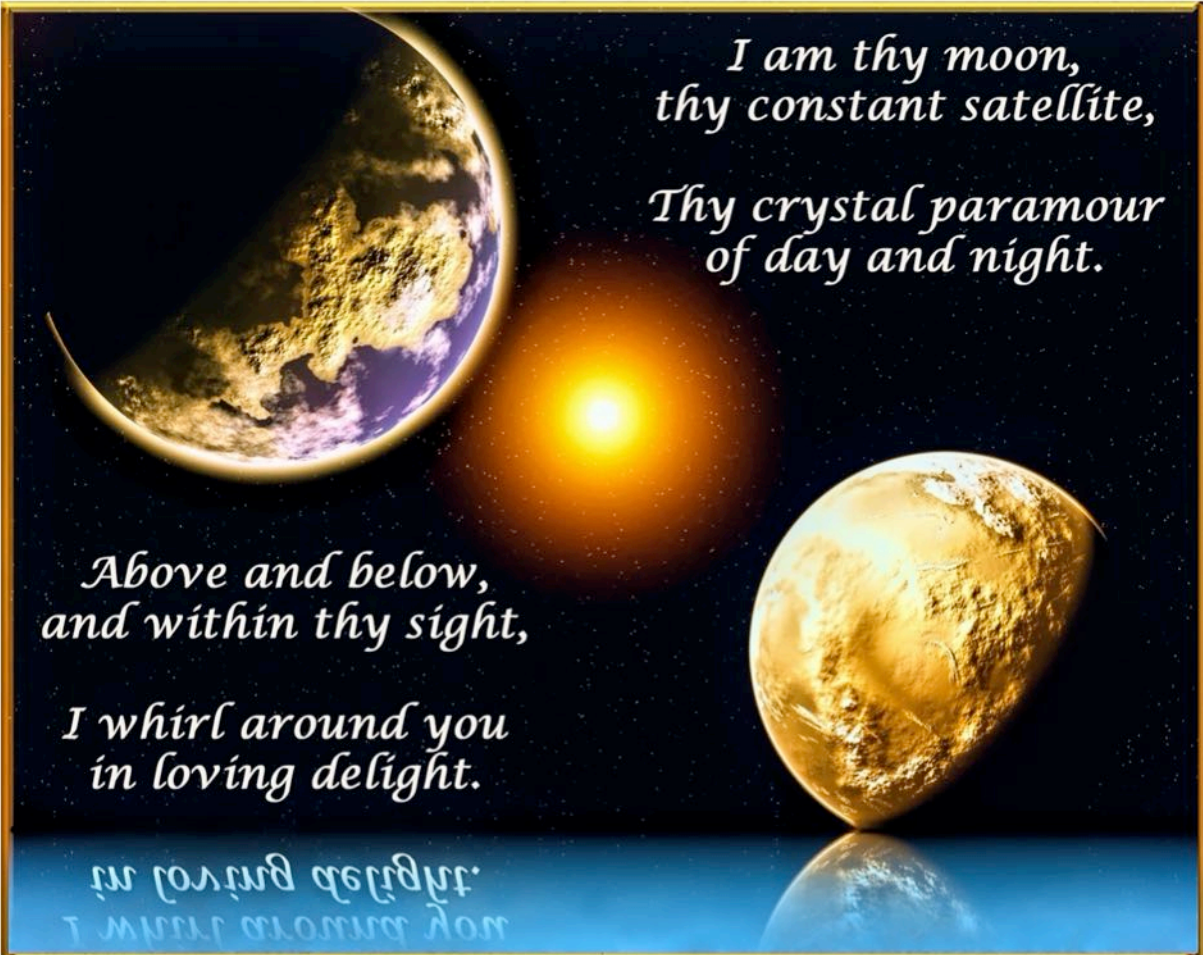


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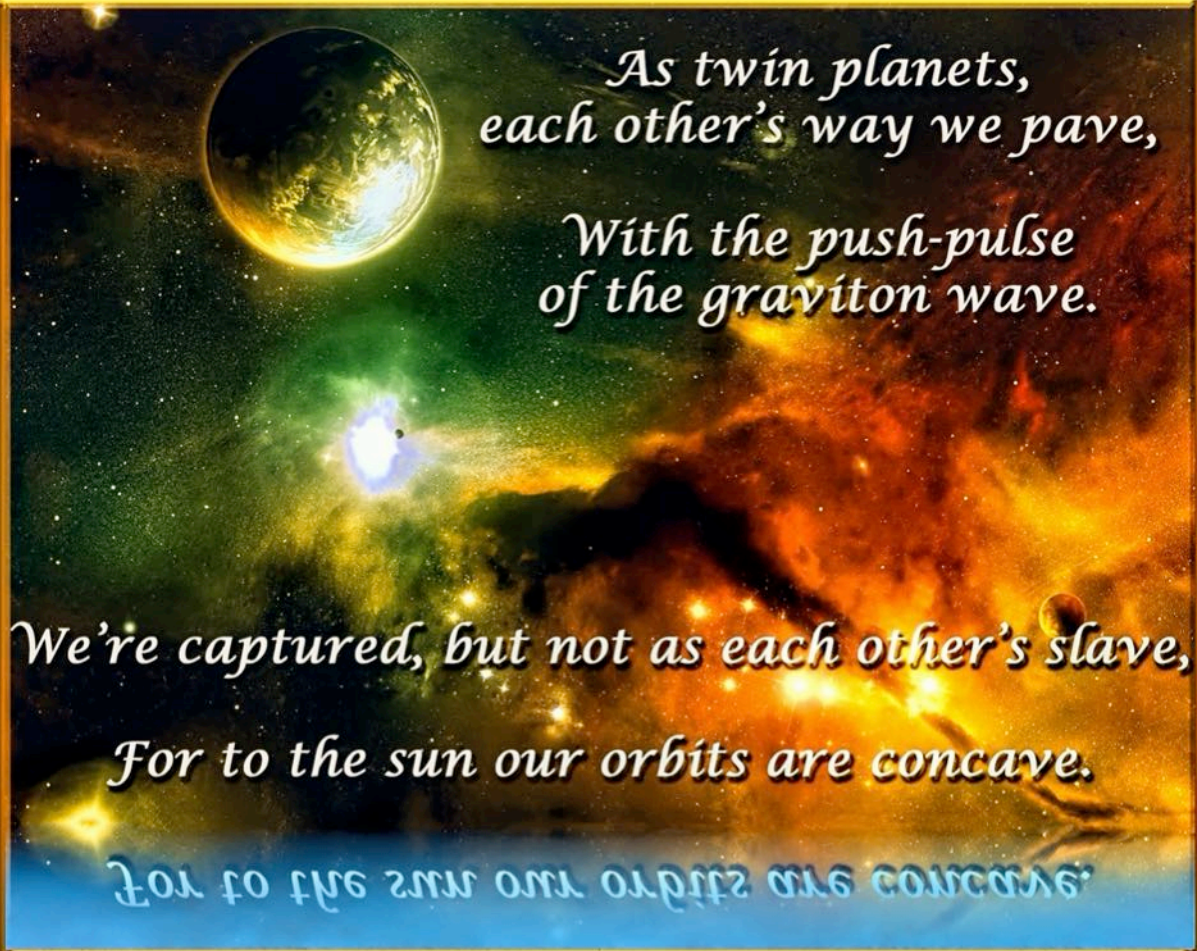


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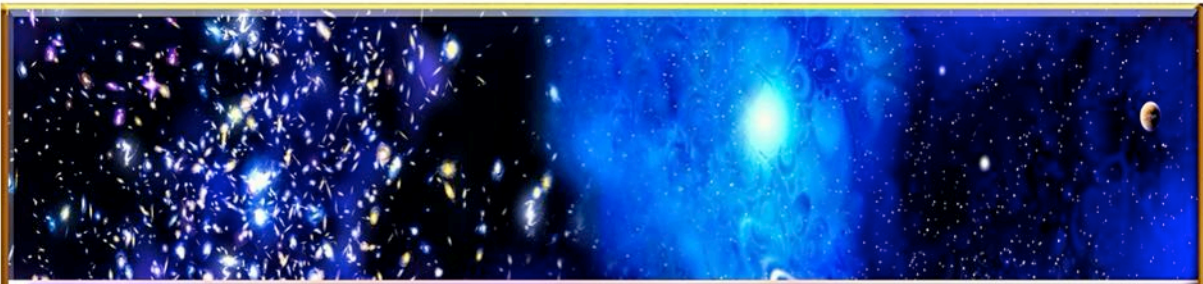
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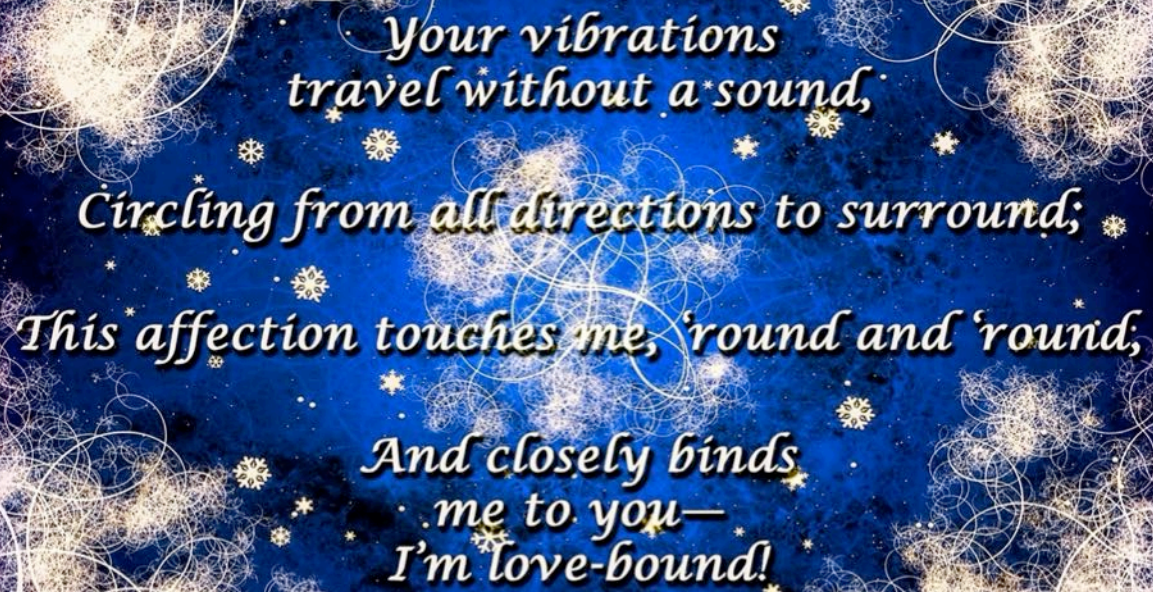


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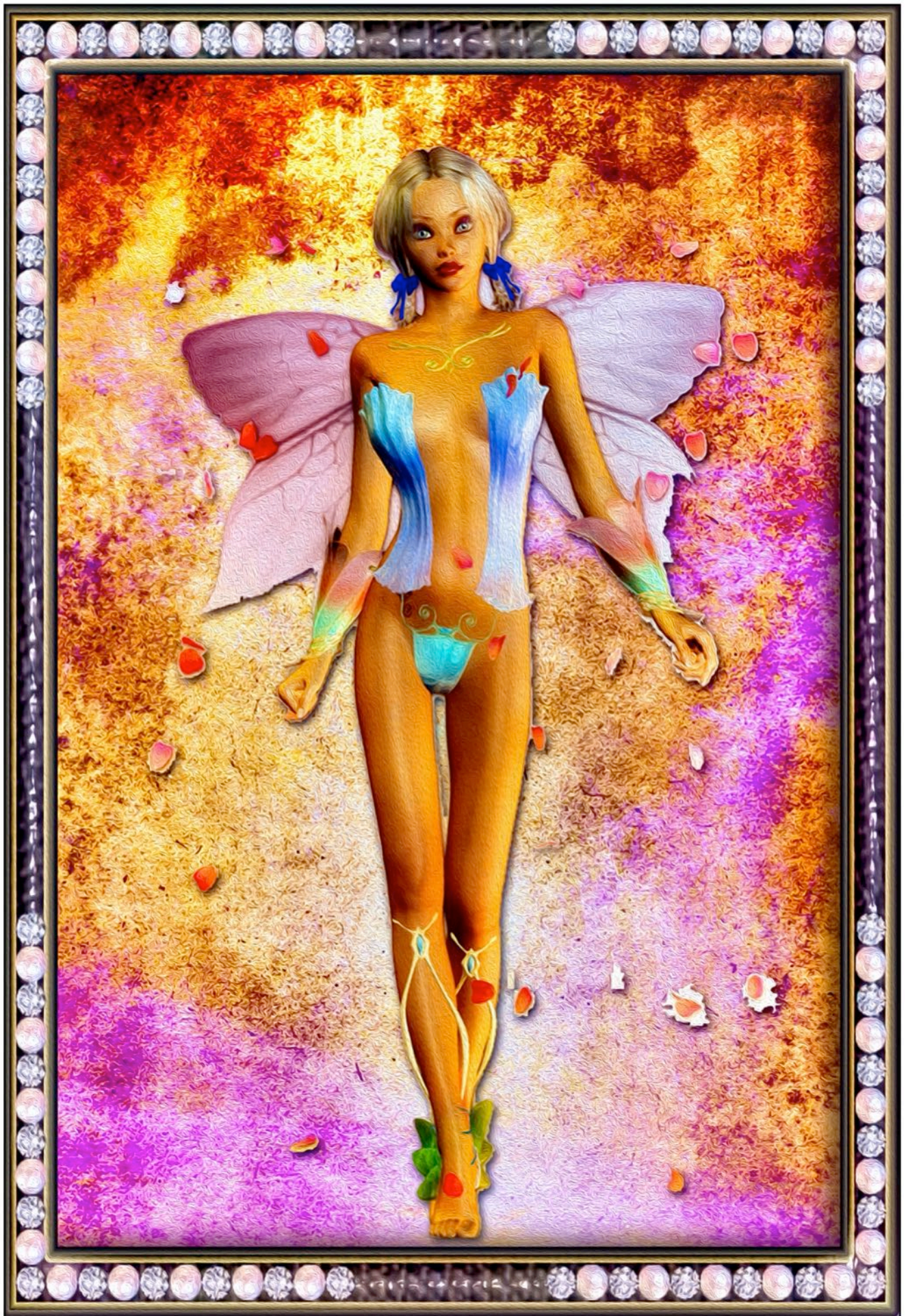
How could we ever know  
The composition of a star?

It's not like  
we could go there  
To collect a sample.

"Impossible," it was thought.

Then starlight shadows  
were found that  
Spelled out a complete list  
of the ingredients—  
A quantum mechanical  
bar code  
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## MOON CHILDREN

The Earth would wobble  
Like a dying top very soon,  
Without the steadying influence  
Of our lovely moon;  
But, it's slipping from our grasp  
An inch and a half a year.  
The end's not so near,  
But we'll need  
a way out of here.





## VACATION PLANETS

Uranus is quite pleasant compared to Pluto.


If you've ever had a dog,  
you know what I mean;

However, the under-worlded canine has been  
Banished from the house of Astro—

To reign as the under-world  
in the Underworld,

For it's much better to reign in Hell  
Than to be an unwelcome guest  
in the heavens.





Once, I was down on Venus,  
And the sulfurous emanations  
Were so repulsive that  
any gases from Uranus  
Would have been to me  
as a breath of fresh air.

The gas giant planets' breadth  
And width is staggering,  
And their mooning around  
is getting out of hand.

That leaves Mars as  
the only other good place—  
Since Klingons have now appeared  
On the rings around Uranus.



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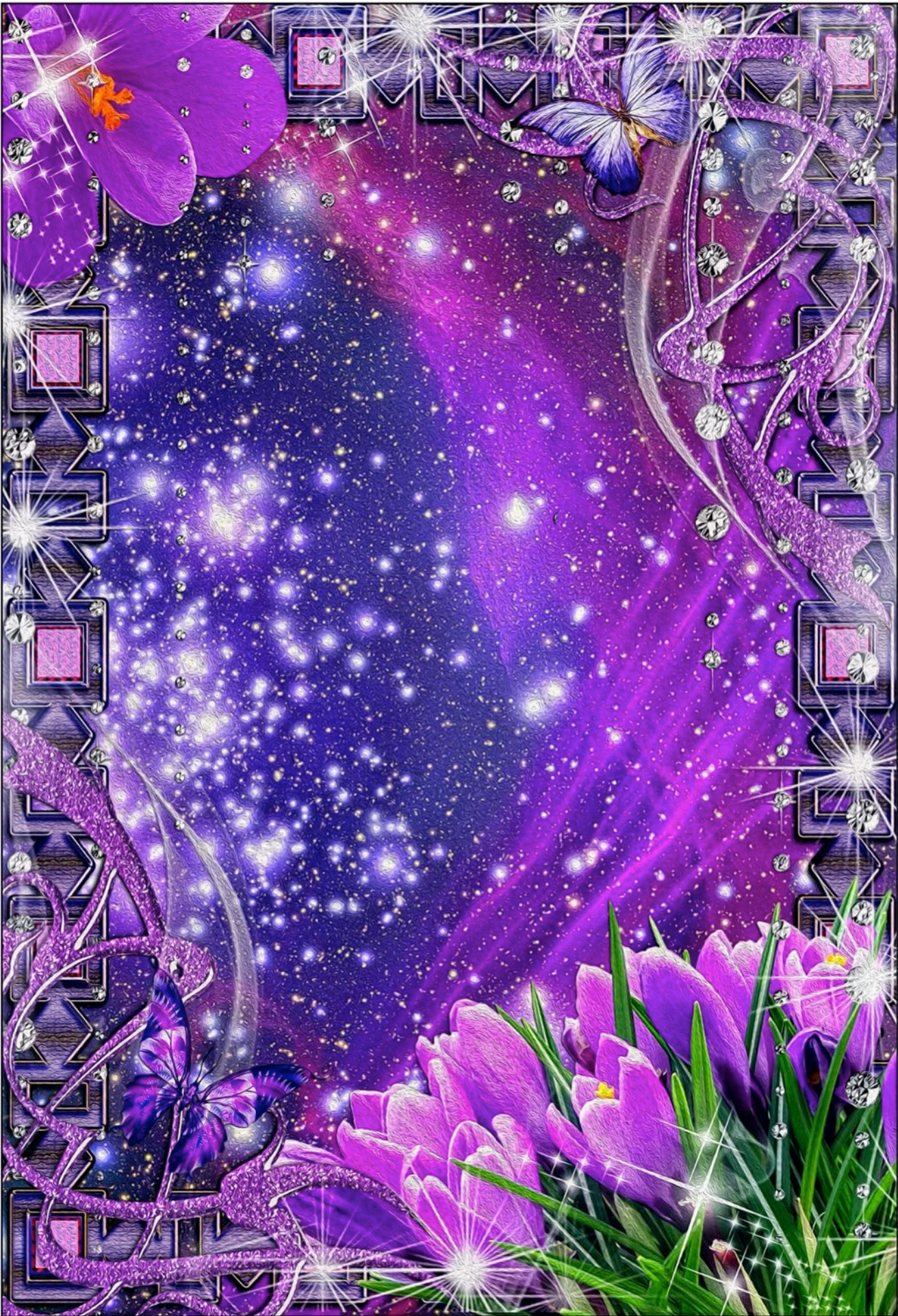
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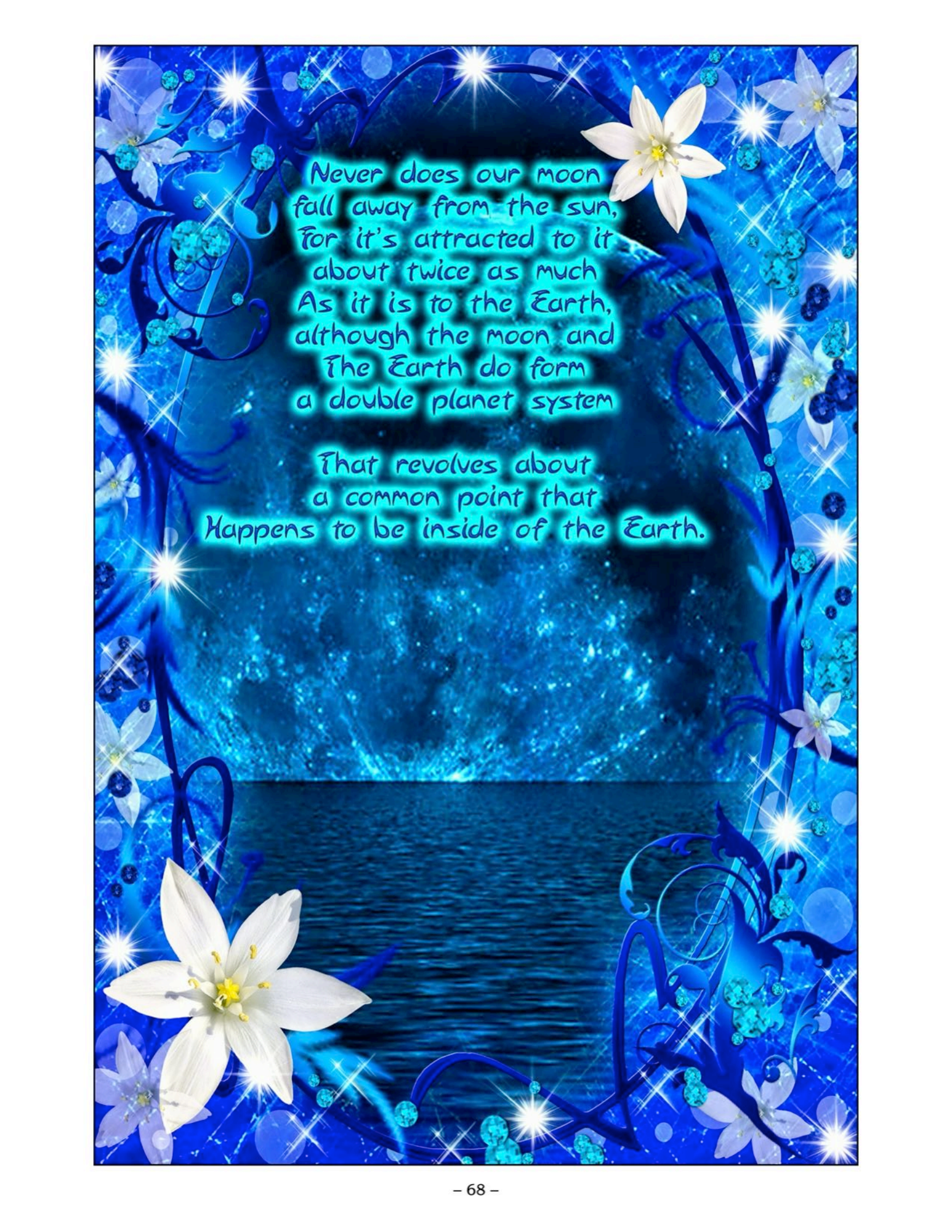
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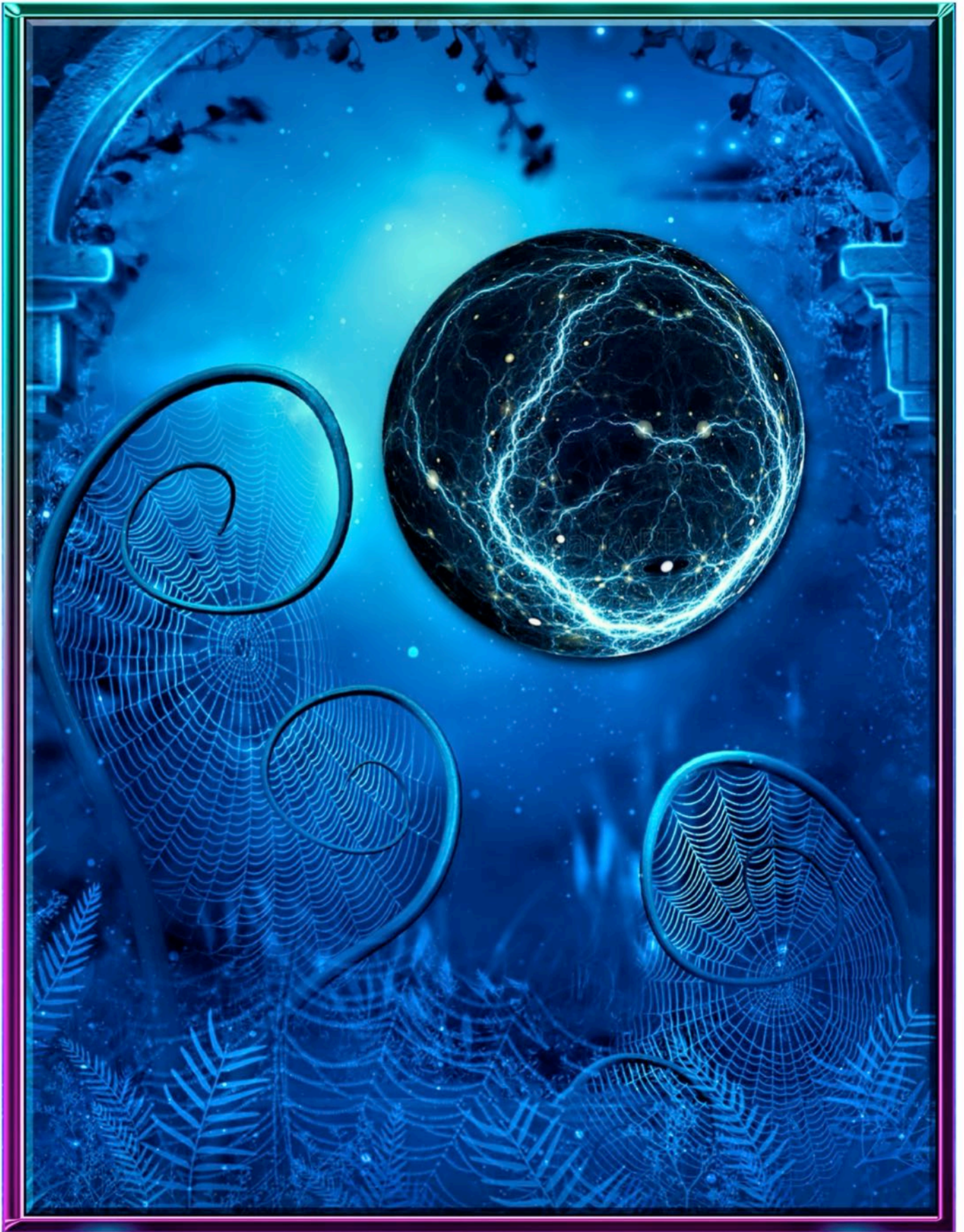
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*The Light in the Window*

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*Look at the stars piercing  
the depths of time:*

*They beckon,  
warm and welcome,  
the fires of home.*

*THE LIGHT OF HOME*





— THE END —