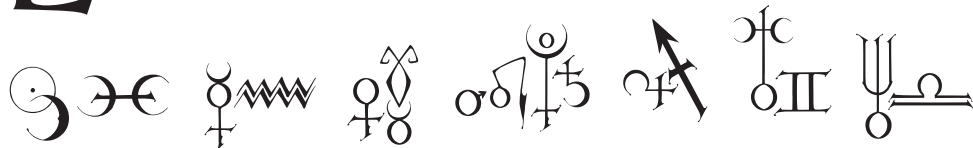


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In her how-can-I-help you rainy-day world –
Betrayals, sufferings all are pearled,
The past is past, it's now forgiven,
Lions, lambs, humans all love driven.

Where in the Universe did she get such ideas –
Mythic hello's and timeless "See-ya's,"
Friends and luck in endless waves,
Feathers, sea shells, she mysteriously saves.

Like you just arrived on the farthest coast,
You're a stranger, she the host –
Stepping over logs asleep in the sand,
Smiles and extends her hand.

Eyes raised, twirls now in dance,
Makes this moment her wished for chance –
A single challenge: will she pledge?
To lead us timely from the edge.