

ASTRONAUT

Oxygen, water and food

Everything to the body attached,

With the womb made with the very hands of reasoning

Hither I came.

On your bosom just I stepped
Thrilled your barren uterus
At the touch of my feetI suppose.

Sprouted with aspiration
In the infant heart of Thretayuga
Slumbered I delightfully,
Seeing your mirrored image.
Again with the edge of obstinacy
I scoop out, today your hundred muscles
And take away them

Like the carcass of a game.

Remains a little in the food parcel

Provided by my mother

Ere the oxygen is exhausted,

Restless I 'm, I must get at her lap.

What if I go now?

Again I 'II come
On your immobile lap to play.
A lofty tower of civilisation



Here I'll build.

From your unyielding heart

I'll squeeze out

With delicate fingers of reasoning

Food, water and life.

Then I'm yours, you are mine.

My children will chat: Is the legend true That we came from earth? Is it not more continuous The lunarians went to the earth? At the pronouncement Why my scientific know-how Winks the magic-eye? What potentiary illuminates This marvelous universe With animate and inanimate creations? I am its exalted symbol And determination of my action Knowledge and devotion. It's time: the wireless signals, Let me to the earth return.

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