

Vishnu's Dream

(As C. G. Jung)

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*Oh lovers, lovers, it is time
to set out from the world.
The drum of celestial distances
sounds in my soul's ear.
The camel driver is at work
and has prepared the caravan.
He asks that we forgive him
for the disturbance he has caused us,
but why are we travelers asleep? . . .*

*Beneath this water-wheel of stars
your sleep has been heavy.
Observe that heaviness and beware . . .
for life is fragile and quick.
Heart, aim yourself at Love!
Friend, discover the Friend!
Watchman, wake-up!
You weren't put here to sleep!*

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