

HYMN TO PAN

*Thrill with lissome lust of the
light,
O man! My man!
Come careering out of the night,
Of Pan! Io Pan!
Io Pan! Io Pan! Come over the sea
From Sicily and Arcady!
Roaming as Bacchus, with furs
and pards
And nymphs and satyrs for thy
guards,
On a milk-white ass, come over
the sea
To me, to me,
Come with Apollo in bridal dress
(Shepherdess and pythoness)
Come with Artemis, silken shod
And wash thy white thigh,
beautiful God,
In the moon of the woods, on the
marble mount,
The dimpled dawn of the amber
fount!
Dip the purple of passionate
prayer
In the crimson shrine, the scarlet
snare,
The soul that startles in eyes of
blue
To watch thy wantonness weeping
through
The tangled grove, the gnarled
bole
Of the living tree that is spirit and
soul
And body and brain - come over
the sea,
(Io Pan! Io Pan!)
Devil or god, to me, to me,
My man! My man!
Come with trumpets sounding
shrill
Over the hill!
Come with drums low muttering
From the spring!
Come with flute and come with
pipe!
Am I not ripe?
I, who wait and writhe and wrestle*

*With air that hath no boughs to
nestle
My body weary of empty clasp,
Strong as a lion and sharp as an
asp-
Come, O Come!
I am numb
With the lonely lust of devildom.
Thrust the sword the galling fetter,
All-devourer, all-begetter;
Give me the sign of the Open Eye,
And the token erect of thorny
thigh,
And the word of madness and
mystery,
O Pan! Io Pan!
Io Pan! Io Pan Pan! Pan Pan!
Pan
I am a man:*

*Do as thou wilt, as a great god
can,
O Pan! Io Pan!
Io Pan! Io Pan Pan! I am awake
In the grip of the snake
The eagle slashes with beak and
claw
The gods withdraw:
The great beasts come, Io Pan! I
am borne
To death on the horn
Of the unicorn.
I am Pan! Io Pan! Io Pan Pan!
Pan!
I am thy mate, I am thy man,
Goat of thy flock, I am gold, I am
god,
Flesh to thy bone, flower to thy
rod.
With hooves of steel I race on the
rocks
Through solstice stubborn to
equinox.
And I rave; and I rape and I rip
and I rend
Everlasting, world without end,
Mannikin, maiden, maenad, man,
In the might of Pan.
IO Pan! Io Pan Pan! Pan! Io
Pan!
To Mega*

Therion