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"This fell at the first widening of the dawn  
as the sun was climbing Aries with those stars  
that rode with him to light the new creation."

-Dante, The Inferno, Canto I, lines 37-39  
(translation by John Ciardi)

Everything,  
that dread meditation,  
aeons of utter silence.  
lifeless  
all

Dilmun,  
cosmologist of Ur,  
understood, yet  
formed Ziggurat  
of blocks.

On its summit:  
Endukugga, Anunnaki,  
Tammuz, Humbaba -  
dark nomads on the human world  
auguring, portending cabala.

Dilmun,  
first shaman,  
corrupts, molds from  
his ziggurat, his bier  
palled with centuries of sacrifice.

His vacant eyesockets  
survey protracted perversion:  
forces contending, crusading,  
seven thunders for seven sages,  
the world writhing - crucified.

Shantih shantih shantih.