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Then was not non-existence nor existence
There was no realm of air, no sky beyond it
What covered in, and where? And what gave shelter?
Death was not then, nor was there aught immortal
No sign was there, the day's and night's divider

That One Thing, breathless, breathed by its own nature
Darkness there was at first
Concealed in darkness this all was indiscriminated chaos
All that existed then was void and formless
By the great power of Warmth was born that Unit

There were begetters, there were mighty forces
Free action here and energy up yonder
Who verily knows and who can here declare it
Whence it was born
Whence comes this creation?

– *The Rig Veda, 10.129.1–7*

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