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## King of Annwn

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(Paul Housfield)

If I can meet you halfway, would you meet me halfway, too  
Because I am entering this forest not knowing I'm in search of you  
With your pale grey countenance and your dogs with ears of red  
I'd be a fool if I did not know that you are the King of the Dead

When I entered in this forest and your quarry I did find  
And I drove away those red eared hounds with a fool's unknowing mind  
And now you say I must repay, what a price you ask of me  
To draw my sword and with one blow to defeat your enemy

Ride on hero, leave the living alone  
One year passes, then you'll return home

When I reach the gates of the land you rule, who will greet me,  
who will I see?  
When I walk through those dark portals, will they know I am not thee?  
Though your semblance now you give to me, deep within a cold fear breaks  
Of a land the living never trod, only those your kingdom takes

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One year passes, then you'll return home

There's a river in your kingdom, far away from living light  
Where you tell me that in this body I must prepare myself for a fight  
There's no arguing with destiny, or with the wheel of life and death  
Is it truly me that I see taking Havgan's final breath?

Ride on hero, leave the living alone  
one year passes, then you'll return home  
Ride on hero, Annwyn's promise will protect your home.

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