

The Storm

Lightning flashes in the darkness, it strikes with fury,
the earth shakes and quakes,
the fire carves a fractal path along the way,
trails from below beckoning trails from above.

Thunderbird flaps his wings,
sounds amplified in a whirlwind,
in distress we call, and are rescued by the unseen
power which silences all in loud claps of thunder.

In the midst of the storm Zeus takes aim,
the electric transformer atop the telephone pole
is the anvil struck by Thor
short circuiting the flow of energy,
sudden stark darkness everywhere
reminding us of the preciousness of light.

Sudden effulgence, seven voices of thunder
Testify to God's majesty,
the gods acknowledge His supremacy,
Leviathan is slain.

Is the storm a metaphor
for the flashes of fear within our minds,
Buddha's thunderbolts with arrows on each end,
thoughts below meeting Thoughts Above?

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North American tribes believed that lightning was caused by the flashing feathers of a mystical Thunderbird whose flapping wings produced thunder; the Greeks thought Zeus hurled thunderbolts; the Vikings believed that Thor produced lightning as his hammer struck an anvil in the clouds; Buddha is sometimes shown carrying thunderbolts with arrows on both ends. . The "seven voices of thunder" are mentioned in Revelation 10:3 and are often related to Psalm 29 which speaks of God's majesty in the storm.

For an animation of how leaders in the clouds meet leaders from the ground see

http://www.srh.noaa.gov/mlb/?n=what_is_lightning

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