



Earth was formless chaos,

Lost in darkness,

With stormy winds sweeping over the vast
waters.

'Let there be light!' said God -

And everywhere there was light,

Splendid in his eyes.

He marked off light from darkness,

calling light 'day'

And darkness 'night':

So came the evening and the morning of the first
day.

'Let there be a vault,' said God,
'separating the waters above the vault
From the waters on the earth below!'

The great vault was made ;

He called it 'sky';

So came the evening and the morning of
the second day.

'Let all the earth's waters be gathered together!' said God.

'Let dry land appear!'

He called the dry land 'earth'

And the gathered waters 'sea' -

Splendid in his eyes.



'Let the earth grow plants and trees!' said God,

'seed-bearing plants and fruit trees!'

Plants and trees appeared -

Splendid in his eyes:

So came the evening and morning of the third day.

'Let there be lights in the sky,' said God,
'marking off day from night, signs for festivals,
For seasons and years!

Let the lights of the sky shine down on the
earth!

He made the sun, dominating the day,

The moon and the stars dominating the night -

He set them in the sky to shine on the earth,

Day and night, light and darkness - splendid in
his eyes:

So came the evening and the morning of the
fourth day.





'Let there be fish in the waters!' said God, 'and birds flying in the sky!'

And there they were - great sea monsters, shoals of fish, flocks of birds - splendid in his eyes.

God blessed them all

'Be fertile,' he said, 'swarms of fish in the sea,

Flocks and flocks of birds in the sky'; so came the evening and the morning of the fifth day.



'Now for the animals!' said God.

'Let there be living creatures on the earth, domestic animals, reptiles and wild animals!'

He made all the animals - splendid in his eyes!





'Let us now make man in our own image,' said God,
'like ourselves,

To be master of fish and wild birds, of domestic
animals, of reptiles and wild animals!

He created man in his own image - in his image
both sexes were created. He blessed them too -

'Be fertile,' he said, 'and increase! Fill the earth
and conquer it, be master of all living creatures.

Plants and trees shall be your food; green plants,
food for all living creatures - animals, birds,
reptiles, everything alive.'

It was all splendid in God's eyes;

So came the evening and the morning of the sixth
day



Earth and sky were made,
crowded with life.

On the sixth day
God finished his work;
on the seventh day
he stopped working.

He blessed the seventh day -
the day he stopped work.

He had brought into being
Everything he had set himself to
make.