

A Year

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And so a day and a night go by.
And so it burns, burns light and dark.
A year a year! A little light
In vast eternity.
Next winds come running
Scream and scream and desperately
Beat their heads against the trees:
Until almighty God is fed up
Enough of flickering now lights out!
And all the worlds go dark.

A man stands on the firmament
He weeps and weeps, like a child at night.
The fish in the water are afraid.

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