

# The Origin of Love

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## "The Origin of Love" by Stephen Trask, from *Hedwig & the Angry Itch*

When the earth was still flat and the clouds made of fire  
And the mountains stretched up to the sky, sometimes higher  
Folks roamed the earth like big rolling kegs  
They had two sets of arms  
They had two sets of legs  
They had two faces peering out of one giant head  
So they could watch all around them as they talked while they read  
And they never knew nothing of love  
It was before the origin of love  
Origin of love  
The origin of love  
Origin of love

Well there were three sexes then  
One that looked like two men glued on back to back  
They were the children of the sun  
And similar in shape girth were the children of the earth  
They looked like two girls rolled up in one  
And the children of the moon was like a fork shoved on a spoon  
They were part sun part earth part daughter part son  
Oh the origin of love

Well the gods grew quite scared of our strength and defiance  
And thor said i'm gonna kill them all with my hammer  
Like i killed the giants  
But zeus said no  
You'd better let me use my lightning like scissors  
Like i cut the legs off the whales  
Dinosaurs into lizards  
Then he grabbed up some bolts, he let out a laugh

Said i'll split them right down the middle  
Gonna cut them right up in half  
And then storm clouds gathered above into great balls of fire

And then fire shot down from the sky in bolts  
Like shining blades of a knife  
And it ripped right through the flesh  
Of the children of the sun and the moon and the earth  
And some indian god sewed the wound up to a hole  
Turned it 'round to our bellies to remind us the price we payed  
And osiris, and the gods of the Nile gathered up a big storm  
To blow a hurricane  
To scatter us away  
A flood of wind and rain, a sea of tidal waves  
To wash us all away  
And if we don't behave they'll cut us down again  
And we'll be hopping 'round on one foot  
Looking through one eye

The last time i saw you we had just split in two  
He was looking at me, i was looking at you  
You had a way so familiar i could not recognize  
Cause you had blood on your face  
And i had blood in my eyes  
But i swear by your expression  
That the pain down in your soul was the same  
As the one down in mine  
That's the pain  
That cuts a straight line down through the heart  
We call it love  
We wrapped our arms around each other  
Tried to shove ourselves back together  
We were making love, making love  
It was a cold dark evening such a long time ago  
When by the mighty hand of jove  
It was a sad story how we became lonely two-legged creatures

The story, the origin of love  
That's the origin of love  
Oh yeah, the origin of love  
The origin of love  
The origin of love

## Genesis, "Bereshit"

### Genesis 1:1

When G-d began to create heaven  
and earth—

בראשית א':א

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם  
וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

### Genesis 1:2

the earth being unformed and void,  
with darkness over the surface of the  
deep and a wind from G-d sweeping  
over the water—

בראשית א':ב

וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֵהוֹ וּבְהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ  
עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת  
עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם:

### Genesis 1:3

G-d said, "Let there be light"; and  
there was light.

בראשית א':ג

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אֹר וַיְהִי־אֹר:

### Genesis 1:4

G-d saw that the light was good, and  
G-d separated the light from the  
darkness.

בראשית א':ד

וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאֹר כִּי־טוֹב  
וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ:

### Genesis 1:5

בראשית א':ה

G-d called the light Day, and the darkness G-d called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, a first day.

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים ׀ לְאֹרֶל יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ  
קֶרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם  
אֶחָד: (פ)

#### Genesis 1:6

G-d said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the water, that it may separate water from water."

#### בראשית א':ו'

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי רָקִיעַ בְּתוֹךְ הַמַּיִם  
וַיְהִי מַבְדִּיל בֵּין מַיִם לְמַיִם:

#### Genesis 1:7

G-d made the expanse, and it separated the water which was below the expanse from the water which was above the expanse. And it was so.

#### בראשית א':ז'

וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָרָקִיעַ וַיַּבְדֵּל בֵּין  
הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר־מִתַּחַת לְרָקִיעַ וּבֵין  
הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר־מֵעַל לְרָקִיעַ וַיְהִי־כֵן:

#### Genesis 1:8

G-d called the expanse Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

#### בראשית א':ח'

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְרָקִיעַ שָׁמַיִם  
וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שֵׁנִי: (פ)

#### Genesis 1:9

G-d said, "Let the water below the sky be gathered into one area, that the dry land may appear." And it was so.

#### בראשית א':ט'

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִקְוּ הַמַּיִם מִתַּחַת  
הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶל־מְקוֹם אֶחָד וְתִרְאֶה  
הַיַּבֶּשֶׁה וַיְהִי־כֵן:

**Genesis 1:10**

G-d called the dry land Earth, and the gathering of waters G-d called Seas. And G-d saw that this was good.

**בראשית א':י**

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים ׀ לַיַּבְשָׁה אֶרֶץ  
וּלְמַקְוֵה הַמַּיִם קָרָא יַמִּים וַיֵּרָא  
אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב׃

**Genesis 1:11**

And G-d said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation: seed-bearing plants, fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.

**בראשית א':יא**

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תִּדְשָׂא הָאֲרֶץ דְּשֵׂא  
עֵשֶׂב מִזֶּרַע זֶרַע עֵץ פֶּרִי עֹשֶׂה פֶּרִי  
לְמִינוֹ אֲשֶׁר זֶרְעוֹ־בּוֹ עַל־הָאֲרֶץ  
וַיְהִי־כֵן׃

**Genesis 1:12**

The earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And G-d saw that this was good.

**בראשית א':יב**

וַתּוֹצֵא הָאֲרֶץ דְּשֵׂא עֵשֶׂב מִזֶּרַע זֶרַע  
לְמִינֵהוּ וְעֵץ עֹשֶׂה־פֶּרִי אֲשֶׁר זֶרְעוֹ־בּוֹ  
לְמִינֵהוּ וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב׃

**Genesis 1:13**

And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

**בראשית א':יג**

וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי׃ (פ)

**Genesis 1:14**

G-d said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate day from night; they shall serve as signs for the set times—the days and the

**בראשית א':יד**

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי מְאֹרֹת בְּרַקיעַ  
הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין הַיּוֹם וּבֵין  
הַלַּיְלָה וְהָיוּ לְאֹתוֹת וּלְמוֹעֲדִים

years;

וּלְיָמִים וְשָׁנִים:

**Genesis 1:15**

and they serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth.” And it was so.

**בראשית א':ט"ו**

וְהָיוּ לְמְאֹרֹת בְּרַקִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהָאֵר  
עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי־כֵן:

**Genesis 1:16**

G-d made the two great lights, the greater light to dominate the day and the lesser light to dominate the night, and the stars.

**בראשית א':ט"ז**

וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־שְׁנֵי הַמְּאֹרֹת  
הַגְּדֹלִים אֶת־הַמְּאֹר הַגָּדֹל לְמַמְשַׁלֶּת  
הַיּוֹם וְאֶת־הַמְּאֹר הַקָּטָן לְמַמְשַׁלֶּת  
הַלַּיְלָה וְאֵת הַכּוֹכָבִים:

**Genesis 1:17**

And G-d set them in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth,

**בראשית א':י"ז**

וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים בְּרַקִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם  
לְהָאֵר עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

**Genesis 1:18**

to dominate the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And G-d saw that this was good.

**בראשית א':י"ח**

וּלְמַשַׁל בַּיּוֹם וּבַלַּיְלָה וּלְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין  
הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים  
כִּי־טוֹב:

**Genesis 1:19**

And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

**בראשית א':י"ט**

וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם רְבִיעִי: (פ)

**Genesis 1:20**

G-d said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and birds that fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."

**בראשית א':כ'**

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִשְׂרָצוּ הַמַּיִם שָׂרָץ  
נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה וְעוֹף יְעוֹפֵף עַל-הָאָרֶץ  
עַל-פְּנֵי רִקְיַע הַשָּׁמַיִם:

**Genesis 1:21**

G-d created the great sea monsters, and all the living creatures of every kind that creep, which the waters brought forth in swarms, and all the winged birds of every kind. And G-d saw that this was good.

**בראשית א':כ"א**

וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הַתַּנִּינִם הַגְּדֹלִים  
וְאֵת כָּל-נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה הַרֹמְשֶׁת אֲשֶׁר  
שָׂרָצוּ הַמַּיִם לְמִינֵיהֶם וְאֵת כָּל-עוֹף  
כָּנָף לְמִינֵיהוּ וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי-טוֹב:

**Genesis 1:22**

G-d blessed them, saying, "Be fertile and increase, fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

**בראשית א':כ"ב**

וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ  
וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת-הַמַּיִם בַּיַּמִּים וְהָעוֹף יִרְבֶּה  
בָּאָרֶץ:

**Genesis 1:23**

And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

**בראשית א':כ"ג**

וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם חַמִּישִׁי: (פ)

**Genesis 1:24**

G-d said, "Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: cattle,

**בראשית א':כ"ד**

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ נֶפֶשׁ

creeping things, and wild beasts of every kind.” And it was so.

חַיָּה לְמִינָהּ בְּהֵמָה וְרֶמֶשׂ וְחַיִּיתוֹ-אֶרֶץ  
לְמִינָהּ וַיְהִי-כֵן:

#### Genesis 1:25

G-d made wild beasts of every kind and cattle of every kind, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. And G-d saw that this was good.

#### בראשית א': כ"ה

וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת-חַיֵּי הָאָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ  
וְאֶת-הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ וְאֶת כָּל-רֶמֶשׂ  
הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינָהּ וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים  
כִּי-טוֹב:

#### Genesis 1:26

And G-d said, “Let us make beings in our image, after our likeness. They shall rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the cattle, the whole earth, and all the creeping things that creep on earth.”

#### בראשית א': כ"ו

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ  
כְּדַמוֹתֵנוּ וַיְרִדוּ בְדִגְתַּי הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף  
הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל-הָאָרֶץ  
וּבְכָל-הָרֶמֶשׂ הָרֹמֵשׂ עַל-הָאָרֶץ:

#### Genesis 1:27

And G-d created people in G-d's image in the divine image; male and female G-d created them.

#### בראשית א': כ"ז

וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ  
בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה  
בָּרָא אֹתָם:

#### Genesis 1:28

G-d blessed them and G-d said to them, “Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it; and rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and all

#### בראשית א': כ"ח

וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם  
אֱלֹהִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ  
וּכְבֹּשׁוּהָ וּרְדוּ בְּדִגְתַּי הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף



the living things that creep on earth.”

הַשָּׂמַיִם וּבְכָל-חַיַּה הַרֹמֵשׁת  
עַל-הָאָרֶץ:

**Genesis 1:29**

G-d said, “See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth, and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit; they shall be yours for food.

**בראשית א': כ"ט**

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים הִנֵּה נֹתַתִּי לְכֶם  
אֶת-כָּל-עֵשֶׂב וְזֶרַע זֶרַע אֲשֶׁר עַל-פְּנֵי  
כָל-הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת-כָּל-הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ  
פְּרִיעַץ זֶרַע זֶרַע לְכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאֹכְלָהּ:

**Genesis 1:30**

And to all the animals on land, to all the birds of the sky, and to everything that creeps on earth, in which there is the breath of life, [I give] all the green plants for food.” And it was so.

**בראשית א': ל'**

וּלְכָל-חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ וּלְכָל-עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם  
וּלְכָל הַרֹמֵשׁ עַל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ  
נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה אֶת-כָּל-יֵרֶק עֵשֶׂב לְאֹכְלָהּ  
וַיְהִי-כֵן:

**Genesis 1:31**

And G-d saw all that G-d had made, and found it very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**בראשית א': ל"א**

וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה  
וְהִנֵּה-טוֹב מְאֹד וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר  
יוֹם הַשֵּׁשִׁי: (פ)

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