

Moses

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Your nomenclature lacks patrimony

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Son of an innominate deity

Apocopeted God

You sacrifice half your name to the people

And to Adonai

Pseudonym, assume a name

Denominate

the people must be brought to their
mountain

and you to yours

and there remain.

The people must have

their sacred utterance,

divine letters,

their visionary images

and you must hear

the Voice speaking

from the thornbush

calling out your summons

from the blaze of enlightenment

The people must see

the radiant signal

and solve the mystery

of sacred writ.

Ramoses and Thut-moses and Ah-moses

hearken to El, -Moses

The people must have you Moses

The fervor of your glowing eyes

and your laying on

of the tender warmth of your hands.