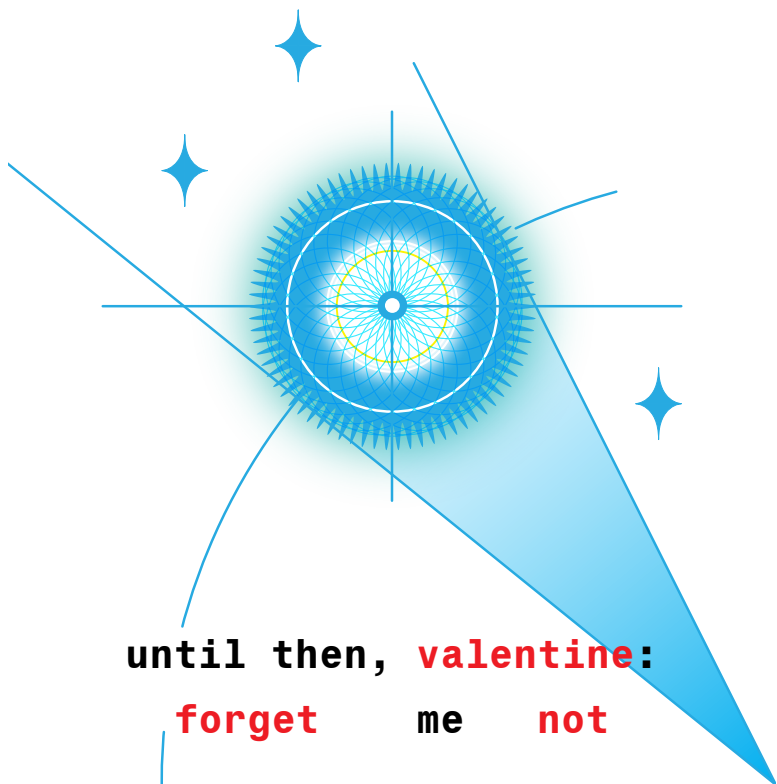


younger stars in time shall rise
through the axis of the skies
stars that soothe · stars that bless
mankind with forgetfulness



until then, **valentine:**
forget me not

creeping things summon strength
long the fibers grow in length-

the frondlings of the new false-pine
encode each voice The Deep consigns

but mine, but mine-
is for you,
sweet **valentine**

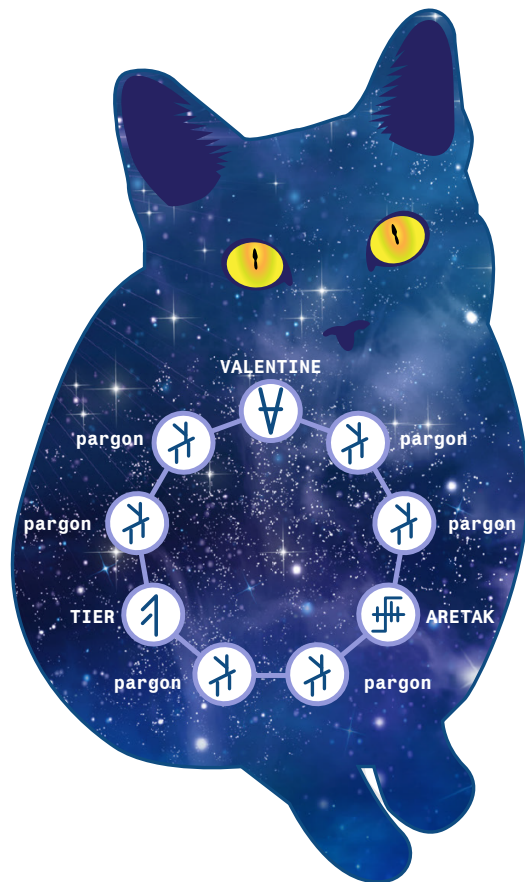
so long, so long,
as still there's time



the ink caps stain the soil black
ichor-like-ink that verses lack
a psalter for spore
and their song-divine



but while I'm still upon the Earth
bound by sorrow, wonder, mirth
my heart's a hymnal all for you
a song all for my **valentine**



summon • **VALENTINE**