

**Parallel Images**

The Bible or the Tarot pack:  
I find consolation in both;  
the book of Job, Ruth in the fields of wheat,  
Ezekiel's chariot,  
the woman clothed with the sun

the wheel of fortune turning,  
the hermit seeking truth with his lantern,  
dark waters under the moon

strength, in woman's clothing,  
clasping the jaws of the lion

the angel blowing his trumpet  
above the tombs  
on resurrection day

and especially the fool  
in his coloured garments  
with his jester's cap,  
his pilgrim bag and staff,  
his little dog at his heels

journeying over sandy deserts  
and the mounds of graves

past towers, treachery, death, and devils

towards green trees  
the celestial city  
the world's  
    consummation.

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