

## Spell 76

ASCENDING TO THE SKY, GOING ABOARD THE BARK OF RĒ', AND BECOMING A LIVING GOD.<sup>1</sup> O you eight Chaos-gods who are in charge of the chambers<sup>2</sup> of the sky, whom Shu made from the efflux of his members,<sup>3</sup> who put together the ladder of Shu,<sup>4</sup> come and meet your father in me, give me your arms, put together the ladder for me, for I am he who created you and made you, even as I was created<sup>1</sup> by your father Atum. I am weary of the Supports-of-Shu since I lifted up my daughter Nūt from upon myself,<sup>5</sup> so that I might give her to my father Atum in his realm,<sup>6</sup> and I have set Gēb under my feet.<sup>7</sup> This god<sup>8</sup> knits up the Two Lands for my father Atum, he gathers together for himself<sup>1</sup> the celestial kine; I have set myself among them, but the Nine Gods cannot see me.<sup>9</sup> I indeed am Shu whom Atum created, whereby RĒ' came into being; I was not built up in the womb, I was not knit together in the egg, I was not conceived,<sup>10</sup> but Atum spat me out<sup>1</sup> in the spittle of his mouth together

with my sister Tefēnet.<sup>11</sup> She went up after me, and I was covered with the  
breath of the throat.<sup>12</sup> The phoenix of Rē<sup>c</sup> was that whereby Atum came into  
5 being in chaos, in the Abyss, in darkness and in gloom.<sup>13</sup> I am Shu, father of  
the gods,<sup>14</sup> and Atum once sent his Sole Eye seeking me and my sister Tefēnet.<sup>15</sup>  
I made light of the darkness for it,<sup>16</sup> and it found me<sup>17</sup> as an immortal.<sup>18</sup> It was  
6 I who again begot the Chaos-gods<sup>1</sup> in chaos, in the Abyss, in darkness and in  
gloom. I indeed am Shu who begot the gods.<sup>19</sup>

7 O you eight Chaos-gods whom I<sup>20</sup> created from the efflux of my flesh,  
whose names Atum made when the Abyss was created, on that day when  
8 Atum spoke in it with Nu<sup>1</sup> in chaos, in darkness and in gloom: Come to meet  
me in joy, give me your hands, put the ladder together for me just as you did  
10 for my father Atum, for I am weary of the Supports-of-Shu,<sup>1</sup> the bank of dusk.<sup>21</sup>

O Lord of Flame guarding the doors<sup>22</sup> of the sky,<sup>23</sup> open the doors of the  
sky,<sup>24</sup> put the ladder together for me, make a way for me, for I am weary<sup>25</sup>  
in chaos, in the Abyss, in darkness and in gloom.<sup>26</sup>

11 O you who brighten chaos and lighten the skies,<sup>27</sup> put the ladder together  
for me, make a way for me, for I am weary in the Abyss, in chaos, in darkness  
and in gloom.

O you *nw*-snakes, the seed<sup>28</sup> of Shu, put the ladder together for me, make  
12 a way for me,<sup>1</sup> for I am weary in the Abyss, in chaos, in darkness and in gloom.

O Blood of Shu, Bull of Uraei, put the ladder together for me, make a way  
for me, for I am weary in the Abyss in chaos, in darkness and in gloom.  
13 O Inhaler of the breath which is in the mouth of Shu,<sup>29</sup> put the ladder  
together for me, make a way for me, for I am weary in the Abyss, in chaos,  
in darkness and in gloom.

O Bull of Millions who wards off 'Apep, put the ladder together for me,  
make a way for me, for I am weary in the Abyss, in chaos, in darkness and in  
gloom.

14 Shu once became weary of it in the presence of his brethren;<sup>30</sup> put the  
ladder together for me, make a way for me, for I am weary in the Abyss, in  
chaos, in darkness, and in gloom.

Make a way for Shu<sup>31</sup> that he may go up stout-hearted to the sky;<sup>32</sup> put the  
15 ladder together for me, make a way for me,<sup>1</sup> for I am weary in the Abyss, in  
chaos, in darkness and in gloom.

17 Raise up the weary Shu by means of those who are in charge of the sun-  
shine.<sup>33</sup> Make a way for Shu<sup>34</sup> that he may go up stout-hearted to the sky; put  
the ladder of the weary Shu together for me, make a way for me in darkness,  
in chaos, in the Abyss and in gloom.<sup>35</sup>