

Aedh wishes for the Cloths of Heaven

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

*Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,  
Enwrought with golden and silver light,  
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths  
Of night and light and the half light,  
I would spread the cloths under your feet:  
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;  
I have spread my dreams under your feet;  
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.*

Stars; original art, Lonnie Hanson

*William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) was an Irish poet and playwright and Nobel Prize Laureate. He was one of the most influential figures in 20th-century English literature. Aedh is one of three mythic characters (the others are Michael Robartes and Red Hanrahan) that appear in Yeats' work. Aedh is wan and lovelorn. Yeats at one time refers to him as "fire reflected in water". In Celtic lore, Aedh was one of the gods of death.*