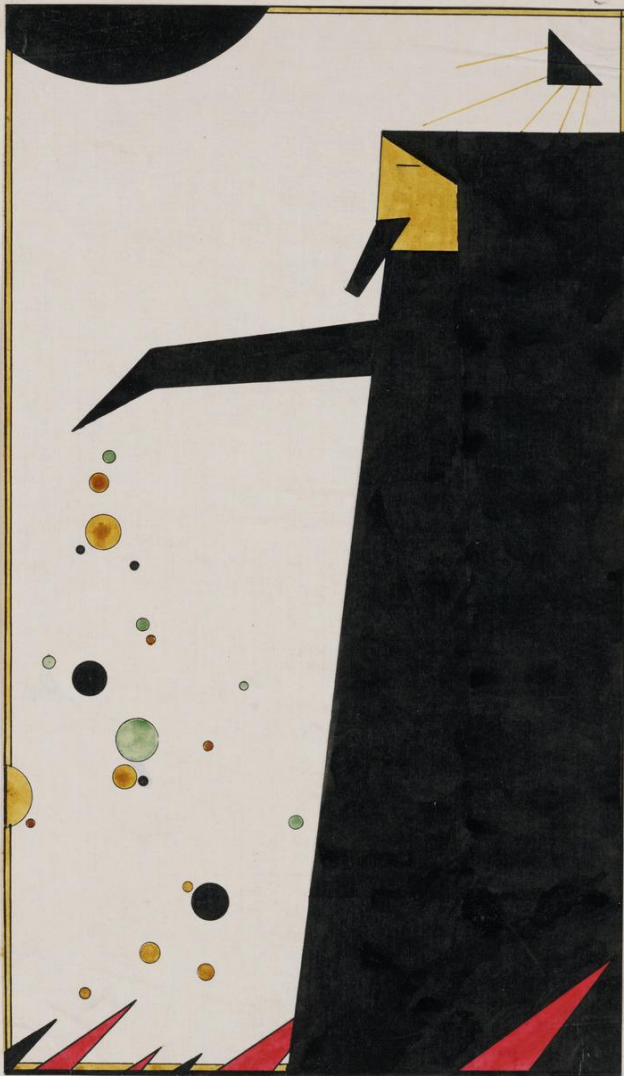


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Out of the infinite darkness,
 without end, without beginning,
 He towers; and above him his Sonine
 Sends down ray after ray.

From his calm and careless hand
 drop the bright bubbles of his dreaming;
 He showers them indifferently, precious globes,
 Beside whose luminous iridescence
 The sun is blackness.

At his feet
 Laps the flame of Hell.....

PORTRAIT OF A POET