

## Wisdom

Before the sky and earth, before the rising and the fall  
I helped to give it birth beside the maker of it all.  
I danced above the heavens, I played on the surface of the world  
Delighting in her children, holding them like priceless pearls.

Seek her like silver, follow in her footsteps  
She is a wise, wise woman  
She is the spirit of the maker (2X)

I have built my house, I have called my maidens set my table  
I have called out to the simple come and dine all who are able.  
My words are pure and simple.  
I am understanding, I am good advice,  
Finer than the greatest treasure,  
a wealth that is beyond all price.  
*Chorus . . .*

Like a palm tree in Engedi, like a rose bush in Jericho  
An olive growing in the field or a plane tree  
Where the waters flow:  
I am spreading branch and freshest bloom  
I am the firmest fruit and the purest grace  
I am like spice and sweet perfume,  
Like incense in the Holy place.  
*Chorus . . .*

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