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Hello Jersey,

How are you doing? I understand that times have been tough lately. Well, here's a glimmer of hope for you: I have news about the runic text you sent me the other day. Well, I must say (and I'm quite amazed) that you were right: it is indeed a poem in praise of the Orb of Väinämöinen! I've finalized the translation, which I think is pretty accurate. Here it is:

Ode to the Orb

*Time passes inexorably,
Follows its flow with the same movement,
Linking past to future, black to white.
But hold up the Orb and **invert Time**,
The **link will appear** for those who **really see it**.*

This kind of text is very unusual. I think it is dated around the year 789, but I have no indication of its original geographical origin. And thanks for your **research notes**, which helped me a lot! I am sending them back to you with some hopefully useful comments.

In any case, I wish you good luck in your quest, may it succeed one day.

I. J.