

His navel became the sky;
his head was gathered up as heaven;
the earth his feet, the horizon his ear:
this was the way they made the world.

Seven sticks had covered him;
thrice seven fueled the fire.
The gods were offering sacrifice
and bound Purusha like a sheep.

They sacrificed the victim to the victim.
These were the first sacrificial rites.
Then they, great-minded, ascended heaven
where now they dwell, the venerable gods.