

The Gardens of Virahanka

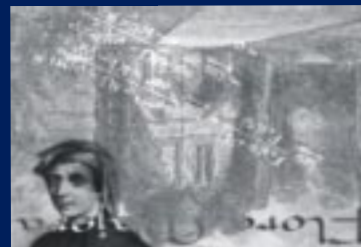
A fractal song by Mark Toner (April-June 2007) with lots of music from Fred Lessing

Sunflower's patterned seeds and petals
Mystic numbers pave the road.
Nature's spirals living growing
Counting Fibonacci's code.

Universe in fractal power
Rhythm and harmony we sing:
One and one, and two and three,
And five and eight, the cosmos rings.

From the units of life's pattern
To the way the branches grows
Time and distance of the planets
To the stars' great spiral way.

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*Counting, measuring
Beauty proportioned, in Gardens of Virahanka
Numbers, mystical
Universe building the Gardens of Virahanka*

He took his vorpal sword in hand:
Long time the manxome foe he sought—
So he rested by the Tumtum tree,
And stood awhile in thought.

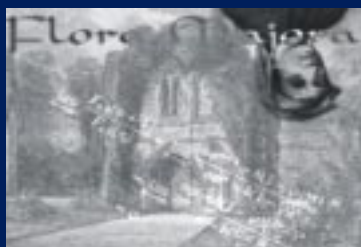
One, two! One, two! And through and through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.
And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?

A stroll through the Gardens

Tortoise *Is it another beautiful piece, Mr. C., in your opinion?*
Crab *Well, uh ...*
Achilles *What's the matter? Is it harder to decide whether this piece is beautiful than it is for other pieces?*
Crab *Ahm ... No, it's not that - not that at all. It's just that, well ... I really have to HEAR a piece before I can tell how much I like it.*
Achilles *So go ahead and play it! I'm dying to know whether you find it beautiful or not.*
Crab *Of course, I'd be extremely glad to play it for you. The only thing is ...*
Achilles *Can't you play it for me? What's the matter? Why are you balking?*
Tortoise *Don't you realise, Achilles, that for Mr. Crab to fulfil your request would be most impolite and disturbing to the clientele and employees of this fine establishment?*
Crab *That's right. We have no right to impose our music on others.*
Achilles *Oh, PHOOEY! And I SO much wanted to know what he thinks of this piece!*
Crab *Whew! That was a close call!*
Achilles *What was that remark?*
Crab *Oh - nothing. It's just that that waiter over there, he got knocked into by another waiter, and almost dropped a whole pot of tea into a lady's lap. A narrow escape, I must say. What do you say, Mr. Tortoise?*
Tortoise *Very good teas, I'd say. Wouldn't you agree, Achilles?*
Achilles *Oh, yes. Prime teas, in fact.*
Crab *Definitely. Well, I don't know about you two, but I should perhaps be going, for I've a long steep trail back to my house, on the other side of this hill.*
Achilles *You mean this is a big bluff?*
Crab *You said it, Achilles.*
Achilles *I see. Well, I'll have to remember that.*
Crab *It has been such a jolly afternoon, Achilles, and I sincerely hope we will exchange more musical compositions another day.*
Achilles *I'm looking forward to that very much, Mr. C. Well, goodbye.*
Tortoise *Goodbye, Mr. C.*
Achilles *Now there goes a brilliant fellow ... In my estimation, he's at least four times as smart as any crab alive. Or he might even be five...*
Tortoise *As you said in the beginning, and probably shall be saying for evermore, words without end.*

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And five and eight, the Cosmos Ring*

Thank you for listening to this meta-mathematical fractal phant'sy. This song is part of the Flora Majora project (www.myspace.com/floramajora). All hail to the Swedish Lords of Flowers!!! Lyrics include extracts from *Jabberwocky* (Lewis Carroll) and *Gödel, Escher Bach; An Eternal Golden Braid* (Douglas Hofstadter). Check Wikipedia for information about Fibonacci and Virahanka, and KEEP COUNTING THOSE SYLLABLES!



Cast

Mark Toner plays electric guitar, keyboard, drum programming, lead vocals, impersonates Mr. C
Fred Lessing plays electric and acoustic guitar, keyboard, flute, baroque recorders, angklung, acoustic percussion, backing & some lead vocals, xylophone, impersonates the Tortoise
Bruno Capelas plays drums, percussion
Maria João Tavares plays clarinet
Gabriel Rodrigues children's voices
Pete Prown plays Achilles

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