

Prologue

Ayreon

[A. The time telepathy experiment]THIS IS THE VOICE OF MERLIN. LISTEN WELL,
FOR IT CONCERNS YOU. THIS CHRONICLE COMMENCES IN THE YEAR 2084 A.D.

MANKIND HAS VIRTUALLY DESTROYED ITSELF.

IT'S SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON 'THE FINAL EXPERIMENT'.

SCIENTISTS FROM THE 21ST CENTURY HAVE DEVELOPED

A NEW COMPUTERPROGRAM CALLED 'TIME TELEPATHY'.

BY USING THIS TECHNIQUE THEY HAVE SENT VISIONS OF HUMANITIES'
DECLINE BACK IN TIME. THESE TRANSMISSIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MIND
OF A BLIND MINSTREL WHO LIVES IN 6TH CENTURY GREAT BRITAIN. HIS NAME

IS 'AYREON'. [B. Overture] [C. Ayreon's quest]

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