

# Six Cantos: Poetry by Jon Rappoport

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### I

*Miles of unrecorded sand are  
The skin of the dragon...  
Haunch around the night  
Preparing to shrug off hotels*

### II

*This is the age of the actor  
Who's found that every other age  
Was lying in its rooms,  
In fumes and spice,  
Weary of the pose in its own device.  
This is the age of discovering  
That every other age was dying,  
Muted in a flame,*

*Born in presentiments of gold*

*In the pose of the honored name...*

### **III**

*Lamps are lit*

*Along the Appian Way*

*Caesar steps out on the running board of his tent and waves  
to the surging crowd*

*This can only end in elevation to heaven*

*What else is left?*

*How many conquests until the gods tap him as one of their  
own?*

*Assassination? Impossible!*

### **IV**

*I dreamt we fought a war to build Time from*

*A column rising out of the sea*

*And now, mystified by our own presence,*

*We aim to destroy it*

### **V**

*"Burned flowers of the field*

*My noon is over, growing old,  
Everything I love is finally sold.  
Sewed designs for men with money  
Thinking it was duty,  
To watch them lead the world to war,  
From my little field of beauty.”*

## **VI**

*There is no army of artists of reality  
There can never be such an army*