

## **Twelve Titans: Songs of the Greek and Roman Gods and Goddesses**

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## 1. Twelve Titans

Gaia was the Mother Earth  
She loved Uranus and became his wife  
All honor her for she gave birth  
To all twelve Titans, the beginning of life

Twelve titan children  
Six gods and six goddesses of the light  
Brothers and sisters they married each other  
And brought more Titans into Gaia's sight

There's Oceanus  
And Coeus and Crius  
Iapetus  
Hyperion Chronos  
And Phoebe and Themis  
Theia and Rhea  
Mnemosyne Tethys  
Twelve Titan children of Gaia

Hyperion  
God of Light  
Tethys Goddess of the Light  
Brother and Sister  
Married each other  
And gave birth to the sun and moon  
And Dawn's early light

Coeus God of Intellect  
Phoebe Goddess of Intellect  
Brother and Sister Married each other  
And gave birth to Leto who Gave to Apollo

God of Constellation, Crius  
Goddess of Death, Iapetus  
Goddess of Justice, Themis  
Goddess of Memory, Mnemosyne

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## 2. Apollo Helios and Hyperion

Apollo Helios and Hyperion  
Hail to the gods of the rising sun  
Apollo Helios and Hyperion  
Hail to the gods of the rising sun

Hail O sun and shine your glory  
Hail O sun and shine your glory

Hail to the Sun  
Thy will be done  
Hail to the Sun  
Thy will be done  
Hail to the first light  
It's orange and bright

Hemerra Eos and Electryone  
Hail to the goddesses of the dawn  
Hemerra Eos and Electryone  
Hail to the goddesses of the dawn

Hail O dawn and shine your glory  
Hail O dawn and shine your glory

Hail to the dawn  
Hail with this song  
Hail to the dawn  
Hail with this Song  
Hail to the daughters  
Who shine on the waters

Aglaia Thalia Mnemosyne  
The three graces  
Daughters of Zeus and Eurynome  
They give life its bloom

Splendor mirth and good cheer  
Grace and beauty in their faces  
Dancing to Apollo's lyre  
They sure can light up a room

Selene and Eos and Helios the son  
Hail to the children of Hyperion  
Selene and Eos and Helios the son

Hail to the children of Hyperion

Hail O moon and shine your glory  
Hail O moon and shine your glory

Hail to the moon  
Selene's coming soon  
Hail to the moon  
Selene's coming soon  
Hail to the night  
The moonlight is white

### 3. Pythia

Long ago  
The god Apollo  
Found some Cretans  
And bid them follow  
Reborn as a Dolphin  
He swam to a hollow  
Carved in Mount Parnassus shore

There he'd slain  
The dreadful Python  
Vaporous fumes  
Cretans felt light on  
They built a Temple  
And got their white on  
Singing paens to Apollo galore

Pythia  
The Delphic oracle  
feeling kind of allegorical  
Inhaled the fumes  
got all metaphorical  
Speaking in tongues  
Of ancient lore

When Pythia  
Inhaled the vapors  
Hair stood on end  
Like the skyscrapers  
She certainly entertained the gapers  
No one called her  
A sacred bore

Pythia  
The oracle at Delphi  
You prophesy what's wrong and right  
You've got the vapors in the morning  
You're on your tripod day and night

Pythia  
The oracle at Delphi  
Some people call you the Pythoness  
You sit on your tripod

Inhaling the vapors  
Predicting the future  
Without reading the papers  
Pythia the oracle at Delphi  
Your prophesies are a big success  
You channel the spirit of Apollo  
Divine possession you possess

#### 4. O Diana

O Diana  
You chase the moon  
And pretty soon  
O Diana you are the moon  
You're Selene

As Diana or as Artemis  
You're lady of wild things  
Chief Huntress  
You're lover of the woods  
And the wild chase  
On mountains you're amused

As Phoebus is the sun  
You are the moon  
Called Phoebe or Selene  
That's Luna or Lune

You're sister of Helios  
The other sun god  
With whom Apollo's  
Sometimes confused

O Diana  
You chase the moon  
And pretty soon  
O Diana you are the moon  
You're Selene

And on the Cynthian mountain top  
Niobe, Theban Queen  
Inflamed your mother's spleen  
She boasted she'd borne  
Fourteen children  
Instead of only two

Leto ablaze  
Dispatched your rays  
With your twin Apollo you  
All fourteen children slew  
You avenged with gore  
On Delian shore  
The island of your debut



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## 5. Athena

Athena

Industry wisdom and war

Athena

Goddess with helmet and spear

Your owl gives you industry

All through the night

Your helmet and spear

Give you courage to fight

You're goddess of craft and philosophy

Unwearying goddess of industry

Industrious craftsmen excel at your crafts

Industrious philosophers love wisdom  
from your shafts

You fight in the front

Wise goddess of war

You favor the wise

over brute strength and gore

You acquitted Orestes

of murdering his mother

You sprung from the head

Of Zeus your father

In Athens when the jury divided

Your vote was the one that decided

Cast in the spirit of compromise

Your spirit is merciful

Your judgments are wise

Athena

Industry wisdom and war

Athena

Goddess with owl and with spear

The light you shine in every season  
is the pure light of reason

## 6. Mighty Aphrodite

Up from foam  
The breath of west wind bore her  
Over the sea  
Golden hours on wave-ringed Cyprus shore her  
Welcome activity

Dressed in robes immortal  
She greets the Gods with joyous festivity  
Wonder seized by violet crowned Cytherea  
Love's divinity

Mighty Aphrodite  
You rose from the foam  
Bubbling in the Cytherian Sea  
Uranus's son, Chronos,  
Severed his manhood  
The foam bubbled up into thee

One day Venus, pierced by  
Cupid's arrow,  
Adonis beheld  
Love at first sight  
Seized her to the marrow  
His beauty excelled

She warned him to take care  
He hunted a boar  
But it slayed him with hegemony  
His blood was changed into a wind-swept flower  
The reddest anemone

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## 7. Mercury

With winged sandals and hat  
(Imagine that)  
Swift Mercury took flight  
To Apollo's lair  
(Lots of sunshine there)  
He brought this gift in sight:

A tortoise shell  
Laced up real well  
Was his lyre for the god  
In exchange Apollo gave  
The Caduceus we all crave  
Two serpents wrapped around a rod

Mercury with his Caduceus  
Not on Vesuvius  
Aventine Hill  
Built his temple  
All salubrious  
Impecunious  
wasn't his drill

For he's the god of thieves and tricksters  
Of commerce and luck  
Fleet footed messenger  
The traveler's compass

He carried Morpheus's dreams  
From Somnus valley it seems  
To sleeping humans and  
He's Rome's Psychopompous

As a psychopomp  
He loves to romp  
Leading newly departed souls  
Like the water nymph Lara  
Who told Juno that Jaturna  
Was cheating with Jupiter god knows

In the underworld shady  
Mercury seized the lady  
Though her glances said take me home  
She conceived the Lares

Those divine twin fairies  
Household deities for Rome

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## 8. The Three Fates

Clotho the spinner  
Lachesis the allotter  
Atropos the inevitable  
Sisters. three  
You spin the thread of life  
Then you measure and cut it  
What's the fate for me?

Clotho the spinner  
You spin the thread of life  
You start spinning in the womb  
Relentlessly  
The Romans call on you  
In the ninth month of pregnancy  
They call you Ninth  
Accordingly

Lachesis the allotter  
The disposer of lots  
You assign me a thread  
That's my destiny  
You measure the thread  
Against the laws of the universe  
You don't intervene in what happens to me

Atropos the unturnable  
She who can't be turned  
You determine our time of death  
Inexorably  
You cut the thread with your abhorred shears  
Then we're off to the underworld  
Inevitably

Cloto sings of the things that are  
Lachesis sings of the things that were  
Atropos sings of the things that are to be  
Am I bound for Elysium Taurus or Asphodel  
Hey sisters what's my destiny?

## 9. Apollo's Rising

Apollo's rising  
Apollo's rising and it's clear  
Apollo's rising  
Apollo soon will be right here

Hey Phoebus A  
You're the god of the sun  
The god of the sun in the sky

Hey Phoebus A  
You are second to none  
You're second to none  
In my eye

I can't admit the way I feel  
Each time I see you rise  
Cause every time you make it real  
I feel a kind of surprise

Apollo's rising  
Apollo's rising and I find  
Apollo's rising  
Apollo's rising in my mind

Hey Phoebus A  
When you're rising at dawn  
I feel it's a kind of rebirth  
Hey Phoebus A  
When you're setting at dusk  
I feel like you're sinking in earth

And when I see Apollo rise  
I feel like rising too  
And now I'll finish up this song  
So I can sing it out to you

Apollo's rising  
Apollo's rising in the sky  
Apollo's rising  
Apollo rising to my eye

## 10. Dame Fortune

Give me some luck Dame Fortune  
Spin your revolving wheel  
Whether it's cold or scorchin'  
Who knows how you're gonna feel?

You're a capricious lady  
Today you're smiling on my fate  
But tomorrow when the weather's shady  
You'll be frowning at the pearly gate

They call you Dame Fortuna  
They call you Lady Luck  
But whatever the heck they call you  
Your moods are fickle and moonstruck

Sometimes you're smiling on me  
Then you take it all away  
Give me a break Dame Fortune  
Let's make today my lucky day

Give me some luck Dame Fortune  
Take off your blindfold for this appeal  
You're so cold when I flirt or flatter  
It's time for you to make it real

You favor the bold Dame Fortune  
And the virtuous who know right from wrong  
So give me a break Dame Fortune  
I got up early to complete this song

Give me some luck Dame Fortune  
My song's falling on deaf ears  
You'll spin your wheel regardless  
At some point it will end in tears

Right now I've got your favor  
Eventually I'll hit a hole  
So instead of begging you for a waver  
I'll make my own luck which is under my control



## 11. Enthusiasmos

Hey there! Hello friends! Listen to me!  
Cause I've got something to say  
And just as important as the words of this song  
Is my enthusiastic way!

Enthusiasm's interest or excitement for a cause  
Let's put enthusiasm to the test  
And now I'm gonna tell you what enthusiasm means  
And why when it possesses you you're blessed

Enthusiasmos  
It's having God within  
When you're inspired  
Or possessed by him  
Or by the light  
Cause God within is light  
When you're divinely possessed  
By pure insight

The God within  
Enthusiastic  
The Gods above  
Are more scholastic

The God within  
Is so elastic  
The Gods above  
Ecclesiastic

When God's within  
You feel fantastic  
The Gods above  
Make you monastic

These words in your heart with which I charge you on this day.  
Impress them on your children when you sup  
Recite them when you stay at home and when you're away,  
when you lie down and you get up.  
Bind them as a sign upon your hand and let them serve  
as frontlets between your eyes  
Inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates  
Or sing this enthusiastic reprise:

Enthusiasmos  
It's having God within  
When you're inspired  
Or possessed by him  
Or by the light  
Cause God within is light  
When you're divinely possessed  
By pure insight

## 12. Divinity is One

The Egyptians near the rolling Nile  
Beheld the sun above the sandy plain  
It burned in times of joy and times of trial  
In feast and famine and through drought and rain

Osiris governed death and rain  
The goddess Isis raised their warrior son  
Horus who brought order from pain  
Ra was God of fire and sun

The glory of the sun  
The glory of the sun  
Divinity is one  
Divinity is one

The Aryans on the Caspian plain  
Beheld the sun four thousand years ago  
They felt its majesty and felt its pain  
Rising over the steppes below

Mithra was the god of rain  
Mazda god of wisdom's lyre  
Indra's wars brought order from pain  
Agni was the god of fire

The glory of the sun  
The glory of the sun  
Divinity is one  
Divinity is one

Spirit's a universal force  
It glows within the earth and winds and sun  
The rhythms of the sacred source  
Unite all people and thy will be done

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