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Reading the Future in Verse: The Art of Bibliomancy and the Book as
Vessel to Move through Space and Time

Ala Ebtekar
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Coelestis (after Hafiz)

Essay by Elizabeth Rauh

Safina: Journeys of Time and Space

Essay by Sussan Babaie

The Visionary Topography of Hafiz

Essay by Daryush Shayegan

Luminous Ground

Short film by Griff and Keelan Williams

References:

Shihab al-Din Suhrawardi

Omar Khayyam

Hafez

Attar

Rudaki

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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