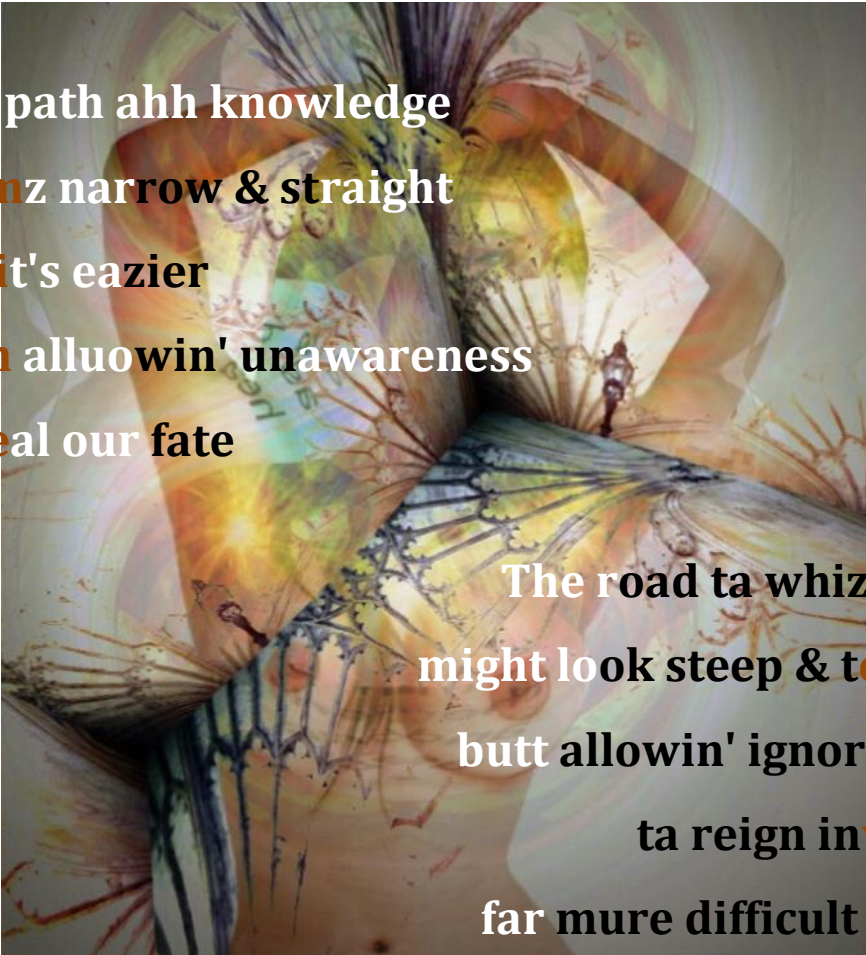


## **ROAD TO WISDOM:**

*Thoughts on knowledge, ignorance, & social discourse*

An abstract artwork featuring a face and a butterfly. The face is rendered in a soft, painterly style with warm tones. A butterfly with vibrant, multi-colored wings is positioned in the foreground, partially obscuring the face. The background is a mix of soft, blended colors and textures, creating a dreamlike atmosphere.

**The path ahh knowledge  
seemz narrow & straight  
but it's eazier  
thun alluowin' unawareness  
ta seal our fate**

**The road ta whizdom  
might look steep & tough  
butt allowin' ignorance  
ta reign invitez  
far mure difficult stuff**

*Melissa:* (scratching her head) Is there a single path to knowledge?

*Tim:* No. Such a notion is pre-modern and rather inane.

*Satoru:* The whole metaphor is outdated. Ideological systems prescribing one specific goal might have "paths". Knowledge itself, however, is pathless.

*Liao:* (saluting him with a glass of beer) Point taken. Also, human languages tend to be couched in feudalistic metaphors that creep up far too easily. Beneath our rational surface, I suspect we are still very primitive.

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