

Prologue

Ayreon

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 COMPUTERP
ROGRAM CALLED 'TIME TELEPATHY'. BY USING THIS TECHNIQUE THEY HA
VE SENT VISIONS OF HUMANITIES' DECLINE BACK IN TIME. THESE TRAN
SMISSIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MIND OF A BLIND MINSTREL WH
O LIVES IN 6TH CENTURY GREAT BRITAIN. HIS NAME
IS 'AYREON'.

IT SHALL BE AYREON'S QUEST TO SING OF THESE VISIONS AND THUS WA
RN THE WORLD
OF ITS IMPENDING DOWNFALL IN ORDER TO CHANGE ITS FUTURE IN A LO
NG
AND PROSPEROUS ONE. LET US GO BACK TO 'THE DARK AGES'.