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For Susan Rebecca and Heidi Lynné, two women of strength; And for Joseph Richard, the wandering Van-Man.

Kə vātāi dvanmaibyascā yaogat āsū

Who yoked the pairs of swift (steeds) to wind and welkin?

Zend-Avesta, Yasna 44.4