

Auspicious Dawn

A Salutation to the Dawn and Auspicious Beginnings

*Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course
Lie all the verities and realities of your existence:
The bliss of growth
The glory of action
The splendour of beauty
For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow only a vision
But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore to this day!
Such is the salutation to the dawn.*

Kalidasa

As I studied this picture during the days and weeks of working on it, I imagined being carried back into this time and place. Researching the word 'Auspicious' directed me to the above quote by the author and poet Kalidasa. His words helped me put into perspective my ideas and feelings as I created this scene. Awakening from my sleep at the camp site, I opened the flap of my teepee to behold this majestic morning sky. As my eyes panned the landscape and looked up into the heavens, my hope is that I would have felt the words of Kalidasa deep within my heart.

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