

Every Cause Has Its Effect

We might consider the existence of the roof;
the rain which softened the earth supporting the stone;
and its upheaval by convulsions of nature.
One of the series of events arising from
the passage of a speck of soot before your eyes
will arouse certain thoughts in your mind in turn.
We kick a stone and we feel the impact—it seems
to be real, but remember, if not by our Mind's
reason we would not know the foot or stone at all.
People are carried along like the falling stone.
A stone dislodged from a mountain side crashes through
a roof of a cottage in the valley below.

ABOUT THE POEM

“Every Cause Has Its Effect” was created from *The Kybalion* by Three Initiates (1912 edition). About the poem and the process of composing it, Maria L. Berg writes:

Because *The Kybalion* is full of very abstract concepts, I searched the text for concrete imagery, and I was excited to find such imagery in Chapter Twelve: Causation. Following this year’s *Heron Tree* theme of twelve, I found and formed twelve twelve-syllable lines for this poem.

