

“In Praise of Mystery: A Poem for Europa” by U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón

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Okay, it's not Lucretius, but I thought the US Poet Laureate's poem to be inscribed on the Europa Clipper spaceship to Jupiter's moon evokes that wonder of nature that Epicurus talks about when he says "such a course is of service to all who take up natural science, I, who devote to the subject my continuous energy and reap the calm enjoyment of a life like this, have prepared for you just such an epitome and manual of the doctrines as a whole."

Enjoy this rendition from NASA from the Poet Laureate herself, Ada Limón:

<https://youtu.be/EgWbeDNPd6o>